



# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws, and the Richmond City Charter, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially proclaim:

# Richmond Community Development Month & Richmond Community Development Week

**Whereas**, Richmond City Council, the governing legislative institution of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, champions and supports community development and secure, safe, stable, and affordable living environments that are critical to helping our families, children, friends, neighbors, and community grow, prosper, and succeed; and

**Whereas**, In 1974, the United States Congress enacted the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant program under the U.S. Housing and Community Development Act, to assist communities across the nation with resources to address housing and community development needs; and

**Whereas**, Twenty years later, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) was created to provide local and state grants for use and also partnering with nonprofit organizations in support of efforts that include buying, building, and rehabilitating housing for renting and homeownership on behalf of people with low-income; and

**Whereas**, The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grants are administered at the federal level by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and have proven to be two important resources assisting localities with community development programs; and

**Whereas**, Locally, the Richmond Department of Housing and Community Development and its staff, provide oversight and assistance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grant programs and partnerships with organizations and entities on behalf of community development in our community; and

**Whereas**, In 1996, the National Community Development Association and other organizations, established a National Community Development Week in April to promote the importance of federal Community Development programs and, in 2024, the Council of State Community Development Agencies is celebrating the entire month of April in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1974 U.S. Housing and Community Development Act; and

**Whereas**, Honoring important related federal legislative housing efforts, Richmond City Council previously established the month of April to be **Richmond Fair Housing Month** to commemorate the passage of the United States Fair Housing Act of 1968;

**Now, Therefore**, In further support of the importance of community development and secure, safe, stable, and affordable living environments, Richmond City Council does hereby and officially proclaim the month of April to be **Richmond Community Development Month** and the first full week of April, or as may be designated by the National Community Development Association as National Community Development Week, to be **Richmond Community Development Week**, both in perpetuity, in Richmond, Virginia and thanks the Richmond Department of Housing and Community Development, organizations, staff, volunteers, and supporters for their work in helping to make our city an even better place to live, love, work, learn, play, visit, and enjoy family.

In witness whereof, this pronouncement was respectfully prepared and hereunto established for effectuation on behalf of the residents of Richmond on the eighth day of April, two thousand twenty-four, in the two hundred eighty-seventh year of the City of Richmond, founded in 1737, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Commonwealth of Virginia, established in 1776, and the United States of America.

The Honorable Kristen M. Nye  
Council President, Richmond City Council  
Councilmember, Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District

The Honorable Ann Francis-Lambert  
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council  
Councilmember, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson  
Councilmember, Richmond City Council  
Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District