

**DESIGNATING MAY 13 THROUGH MAY 19, 2012 AS LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS' MEMORIAL WEEK IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS,
VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated Tuesday, May 15, 2012 as *Peace Officers' Memorial Day*, and the week in which it falls as *National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Week*; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of the City of Colonial Heights play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our City; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, two Police Officers, Curtis R. Mason and Railroad Detective Lyle B. Clements, gave their lives in service to the citizens of Colonial Heights, and should be remembered; and

WHEREAS, the police department of the City of Colonial Heights has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. Scott Davis, Mayor of the City of Colonial Heights, call upon all its citizens and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations, to observe the week of May 13 through May 19, 2012 as *National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Week*, with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities, and in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of the City of Colonial Heights to observe Tuesday, May 15, 2012, as *Peace Officers' Memorial Day* in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

SIGNED this 15th day of May, 2012.

C. Scott Davis, Mayor

Attest:

DeAnna D. Atkins, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION NO. 12-22

Recognizing and commending the public service of Dr. James B. McNeer.

WHEREAS, Dr. James B. McNeer is being recognized and commended for his outstanding and dedicated service to the City of Colonial Heights and the Tri-Cities Region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer earned a bachelor's degree from Emory and Henry College, and later earned a master's degree from West Virginia University and a doctorate from The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer and his wife, the former Nancy Wilkinson, relocated to the City of Colonial Heights in 1962 where they began careers in the local school system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer served the Colonial Heights School System in various positions as an employee until 1968 and later served as a member, vice chairman, and chairman of the Colonial Heights School Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer served the citizens of the City of Colonial Heights as Mayor from 1984 until 1996; and during this time, he led the City through the development of Southpark Mall, many road improvements and expansions, formed the Mayor's Beautification Committee, and devoted countless hours to listening and responding to the needs and wants of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer also served as chairman of the Crater Planning District Commission and as the Tri-Cities' Civilian spokesperson for three base realignment and closure commissions (BRAC), with the last one resulting in the expansion of Fort Lee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer has taught an adult Sunday school class at Highland Methodist Church in Colonial Heights for over 40 years, and in 1994 received the Presidential Award for leadership and courage in the cause for human relations from the Virginia state unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer joined Richard Bland College in 1968 and held the positions of Professor of Government, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Assistant to the President, and Provost and Dean of Faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer became the third President of Richard Bland College in 1996 and has led the College in fulfilling its mission – educating, supporting, and preparing students to complete their first two years of college and transfer to a four-year college or university or to be successful in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, during the tenure and leadership of Dr. McNeer, Richard Bland College was successfully reaccredited twice by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); experienced an increase in enrollment; enhanced numerous articulation agreements with public and private four-year colleges and universities; experienced the construction of its first residential housing facilities, new recreational complex, renovations to existing buildings, a new 52,000 square foot state-of-the-art science and technology building named in his honor; and led the implementation of the largest capital campaign in the College's history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2012 after serving Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary a total of 44 years, 16 of those years as President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNeer is the model of a servant leader and has dedicated his life to regional cooperation, the advancement of good government, excellence in education, and the building of positive relationships; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS:

1. That Council wishes to publicly recognize and commend Dr. James B. McNeer for his outstanding service to the City of Colonial Heights, Richard Bland College, and the Tri-Cities Region.

2. That, in attestation of the high regard in which Dr. James B. McNeer is held by this Council, this resolution is hereby read into the minutes of this meeting and permanent

record of the City of Colonial Heights, this 15th day of May, 2012; and the members of Council unanimously affix their signatures.

/s/ C. Scott Davis, Mayor

/s/ Elizabeth G. Luck, Vice Mayor

[CITY SEAL]

/s/ Milton E. Freeland, Jr. Councilman

/s/ Kenneth B. Frenier, Councilman

/s/ W. Joe Green, Jr., Councilman

/s/ John T. Wood, Councilman

/s/ Diane H. Yates, Councilwoman

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I certify that the above resolution was:

Adopted on _____.

Ayes: _____. Nays: _____. Absent: _____. Abstain: _____.

The Honorable Milton E. Freeland, Jr., Councilman:

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The Honorable Kenneth B. Frenier, Councilman:

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The Honorable W. Joe Green, Jr., Councilman:

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The Honorable Elizabeth G. Luck, Vice Mayor:

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The Honorable John T. Wood, Councilman:

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The Honorable Diane H. Yates, Councilwoman:

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The Honorable C. Scott Davis, Mayor:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney