



CITY OF HARRISONBURG
**OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR**

MAYOR DEANNA REED

409 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HARRISONBURG, VA 22801

OFFICE (540) 432-7701 • FAX (540) 432-7778

**Proclamation Recognizing the Contributions of Mr. William
Blessing for his service to the City as a member of the
Transportation Safety and Advisory Commission and
Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning
Organization**

WHEREAS, Mr. William Blessing was selected to serve on the very first Transportation Safety and Advisory Commission in 1994 and served continuously until 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blessing served as the Chair of the Transportation Safety and Advisory Commission from 1994 until 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blessing has served on the Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organizations Technical Advisory Committee since being appointed by City Council in 2003 and has served as Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blessing has lent his wisdom gained over his career with the Federal Highway Administration to help make the City and Region a safer place; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blessing generously volunteered his time and expertise to the city, over a period of time that saw the population expand by more than 50%, from 33,000 when he was first appointed, to a population of over 51,000 today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blessing provided meaningful insight to staff that helped develop solutions to transportation concerns, with his inquiries serving to ensure alternatives were examined from multiple perspectives; and

WHEREAS, perhaps the longest serving City Council appointee in history, we thank him whole heartedly for his extraordinary dedication to serving the Harrisonburg community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deanna Reed, as Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, hereby recognize the service and dedication displayed by Mr. William Blessing, and for his efforts to ensure our City and Region's transportation system is as safe as possible. On behalf of the City Council, we commend you for your service and dedication.

GIVEN under my hand this 10 day of January 2023.

BY: Deanna R. Reed
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: Pamela Ulmer
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk