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Deanna R. Reed
Mayor

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION WEEK 2018

WHEREAS, since the colonial period, the Commonwealth of Virginia has closely held the institutions of local government; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the citizens of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, citizen services such as, law enforcement, public health and safety, recreation opportunities, clean water, effective and efficient infrastructure for transportation and educating local children, are most often delivered at the local level; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the work performed by local governments, the Virginia General Assembly, on February 29, 2012, designated the first week in April as Local Government Education Week in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, April 2, 1908 was the creation of the Council-Manager form of government in our neighboring community of Staunton thereby making the first week in April appropriate for this designation.

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg continues to successfully implement and benefit from robust local government education programs including the annual Citizens' Academy, Citizens' Police Academy and the Service Learning Program partnership with Harrisonburg High School honors government students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Harrisonburg City Council that April 1-7, 2018 is hereby designated as Local Government Education Week; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Harrisonburg City Council and the Harrisonburg School Board will continue to partner to promote civic education and engagement in an effort to educate citizens about their local government, strengthen the sense of community, and engage the next generation of local government managers.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2018

Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

Attest: _____
Pamela Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk