



**A RESOLUTION HONORING CHRISTOPHER B. JONES
FOR SERVICE AS MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF
HARRISONBURG**

WHEREAS, Christopher Jones has served on the City Council since 2015, including one term as Mayor, and has executed his duties with integrity, fairness, and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones has contributed to numerous boards and commissions, including the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, the City and Rockingham County Liaison Committee, the City and Harrisonburg City School Liaison Committee, the City and James Madison University Liaison Committee, the Community Criminal Justice Board, the Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance Board of Directors, the Deer Population Task Force, the City and Build Our Park, formerly Plan Our Park Liaison Committee, the City and Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority Liaison Committee, and the City and Eastern Mennonite University Liaison Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones has represented the City in state and national organizations such as the Virginia Municipal League, the National League of Cities Racial Equity and Leadership Council and National League of Cities National Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones supported the City Hall and Municipal Building renovation projects, as well as the construction of new educational facilities like the Elon Rhodes Early Learning Center, Bluestone Elementary, and Rocktown High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones has always been a strong supporter of economic development, and championed the creation of the B-Cubed program for Black and Brown-owned businesses, which has enrolled 84 businesses, and secured funding for early-stage entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones was a major supporter of public safety, funding Fire Station #5 and COVID-19 hazard pay, adding new firefighter positions, and acquiring new fire engines and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones was a strong advocate for the investment into the South Fork Shenandoah River Project and supported the Comprehensive Housing Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones enhanced the workplace for employees by helping to launch an internal diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and belonging program and supporting a 2022 classification and compensation study that was implemented in FY2024; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Jones' leadership, dedication, and professionalism will be greatly missed by the City staff, elected officials, and the citizens he served;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harrisonburg City Council honors Christopher Jones for his exemplary service and invaluable contributions to the City.

Adopted this 10 day of December 2024.

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

Attest: Pamela Ulmer
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk