



Proclamation

Whereas: On May 31, 2019, the Citizens of Virginia Beach experienced an unspeakable tragedy when a gunman killed LaQuita C. Brown; Ryan Keith Cox; Tara Welch Gallagher; Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Crutsinger Gayle; Alexander Mikhail Gusev; Joshua O. Hardy; Michelle "Missy" Langer; Richard H. Nettleton; Katherine A. Lusich Nixon; Christopher Kelly Rapp; Herbert "Bert" Snelling; and Robert "Bobby" Williams; and

Whereas: Five others were injured — four critically — and many more were seriously impacted, including people who worked in Building Two of the Virginia Beach Municipal Center; family members; friends; City employees; people who rendered emergency medical aid, both on the scene and at area hospitals; police who responded to the scene, stopped the rampage, and prevented the further loss of lives; people who staffed the Emergency Operations Center and Family Assistance Center; City leaders and elected officials to have helped guide the City's recovery efforts; and members of the Virginia Beach community and beyond who have demonstrated compassion and generosity through many acts of kindness; and

Whereas: In the aftermath of the shooting, people in the community and beyond called on everyone to show Love for VB. That phrase was adopted for use in a number of places, including the website established to chronicle the events that will soon become the permanent memorial website; and

Whereas: We mourn the twelve lives lost so suddenly on this dark day, and we pray for the all those who were traumatized by this brutal act of violence; and

Whereas: We are forever changed, and we will never forget.

Now, Therefore, I, Robert M. Dyer, Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, do hereby proclaim:

May 31, 2020 Love for VB Day

In Virginia Beach, and I call on all citizens to remember the victims of the May 31, 2019 tragedy. I further order that the flag of the City of Virginia Beach shall be flown at half-staff in all City buildings and on City grounds from May 29 through sunset on May 31, 2020.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be affixed this twenty-first day of May Two Thousand Twenty.



Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer
Mayor