

A RESOLUTION NO. 13-3

Declaring January as Crime Solvers Month in the City of Colonial Heights.

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers, founded in 1984, is a collaborative effort among local business partners, law enforcement officials, citizens, and the media; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers is a non-profit organization that provides an anonymous means for citizens to assist law enforcement agencies in solving crimes, which also provides multi-lingual services in order to reach an increasingly diverse population; and

WHEREAS, Crime Solvers receives no funding from tax dollars and is wholly funded by donations from private citizens, corporations, civic and social groups, and professional associations; and

WHEREAS, Crime Solvers is a successful citizen-based organization dedicated to improving and sustaining a safe community, and increases a greater awareness in youths by providing scholastic clubs in local high schools and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, Crime Solvers provides a hot line and two electronic means that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to provide tips relating to any criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Crime Solvers allows callers to remain anonymous by providing callers with code numbers to identify them rather than requiring the use of their names, and encourages citizens to provide tips that could be vital to solving crimes by paying cash rewards up to \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, more than 22,300 tips have been received since Crime Solvers' inception, resulting in 6,795 crimes being solved; more than \$2,000,000 worth of stolen property being recovered; more than \$998,000 worth of illegal drugs being recovered; and more than 8,400 rewards totaling more than \$507,000 being approved; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary crime-fighting program has had an extremely positive effect in the fight against crime in Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLONIAL

HEIGHTS:

1. That, on behalf of the citizens and businesses of Colonial Heights, City Council extends its appreciation to Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers for the organization's outstanding work in preventing and solving crime and offers its best wishes for continued success; and

2. That the month of January be designated as Crime Solvers Month in the City of Colonial Heights; and

3. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

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: _____.

The Honorable Kenneth B. Frenier, Councilman: _____.

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

The Honorable T. Gregory Kochuba, Councilman: _____.

The Honorable John T. Wood, Councilman: _____.

The Honorable Diane H. Yates, Councilwoman: _____.

The Honorable C. Scott Davis, Mayor: _____.

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

City Attorney