

**DESIGNATING MARCH 20 – 26, 2022 AS
“DEMOLAY WEEK”
IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, DeMolay International is a character-building organization composed of young men ages 12 to 21, who are dedicated to become better citizens and leaders for tomorrow by developing those traits and strengths that will prepare them for active roles within our community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay was founded by Frank S. Land in March 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri, was instituted in Virginia on March 25, 1922, and has produced tens of thousands of outstanding Virginia citizens including former Governor Charles S. Robb, former Attorney General J. Marshall Coleman, former United States Secretary of the Treasury Henry H. Fowler, Astronaut Guy Spence Gardner, and Four-Star General John T. Chain Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg DeMolay has carried out the aforementioned goals by a well-rounded program of social and athletic activities, as well as many hours each year for charitable and community service, and was named the Virginia Chapter of the Year and Humanitarian Chapter of the Year in 2021; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay Week is celebrated annually in March, which is the anniversary of the death of its namesake Jacques DeMolay and of the founding of DeMolay in the United States and Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor of the City of Colonial Heights, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20 through March 26, 2022 as “DEMOLAY WEEK” in the City of Colonial Heights, and call on all citizens to recognize the young men of Virginia DeMolay, their dedication to serve our Commonwealth and local communities, and their contributions to the welfare of all people by addressing themselves to the building of good character among our youth.

Signed this 8th day of March 2022.

T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

Attest:

Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk