

**PROCLAMING MAY 2022 AS  
“BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH”  
IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS, the Honorable Glenn Youngkin, Governor, recognizes May 2022 as “Business Appreciation Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and**

**WHEREAS, Virginia businesses play a pivotal role in strengthening the Commonwealth by embracing job creation, innovative technologies, and employing a diverse workforce to preserve the economic well-being of all our citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, Virginia businesses provide nearly 3.9 million jobs to our citizens throughout the Commonwealth and offer a variety of services and products worldwide; and**

**WHEREAS, Virginia’s businesses operate in diverse industries, including advanced manufacturing, energy, life sciences, tourism, agribusiness and information technology; and**

**WHEREAS, Virginia is currently home to more than 39 Fortune 1,000 firms and more than 63 firms with annual revenues in excess of \$500 million; and**

**WHEREAS, more than 99.5% of Virginia companies are small businesses; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Colonial Heights is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of the existing businesses; entrepreneurs; small, minority and women owned businesses; and the major employers that contribute greatly to the economic recovery of our Commonwealth and our City; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Colonial Heights continues to grow every year by expanding its business base, contributing to the economic growth and stability of the City; and**

**WHEREAS, it is fitting to offer the citizens of Colonial Heights a unique opportunity to recognize City businesses and businesses across the Commonwealth for the essential role they play in driving the new Virginia economy.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor of the City of Colonial Heights, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Colonial Heights, do hereby declare May 2022 as “Business Appreciation Month” in the City of Colonial Heights and urge all citizens to support and recognize the important roll each business plays in the economy of our City and the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

**Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.**

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**T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk**