

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 19 THROUGH MARCH 25, 2023, AS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL'S WEEK
IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Team of the City of Colonial Heights and the Commonwealth of Virginia work tirelessly behind the scenes to create a safer, stronger, and more resilient City in the midst of natural disasters, pandemics, civil unrest, terrorism, and other man-made and natural threats and hazards; and

WHEREAS, every emergency begins and ends locally; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Managers are considered a vital public service to and between essential services that assist the City of Colonial Heights in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Managers develop emergency plans and procedures, organize training including first responders and community partners, manage, lead, and provide skills and resources to minimize the impact of disasters, and work with state and federal agencies to find the most effective methods of disaster recovery, to increase safety and security, as well as build business continuity; and

WHEREAS, the role of Emergency Managers in creating a safer, more resilient community is more important than ever.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor of the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia, do hereby proclaim March 19-23, 2023, as Emergency Management Professional's Week in the City of Colonial Heights and I encourage all citizens to honor the Emergency Management Team of our City and recognize their service and commitment behind the scenes, to the health, safety, and welfare of all who live and visit the City of Colonial Heights.

SIGNED this 14th day of March 2023.

T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

Attest:

Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk