



Proclamation

- Whereas:* December 10, 2009 marks the sixty-first anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, affirming fundamental freedoms and human rights of all people; and
- Whereas:* Respect for the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and world peace; and
- Whereas:* The United States of America is a nation founded on the principle of individual rights and is still working to fully realize the ideals enshrined in its Constitution and Bill of Rights; and
- Whereas:* The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission is a positive advocate for the human rights of Virginia Beach citizens and has designated – Reasons for Hope - as the theme of this year's week-long Human Rights observance.

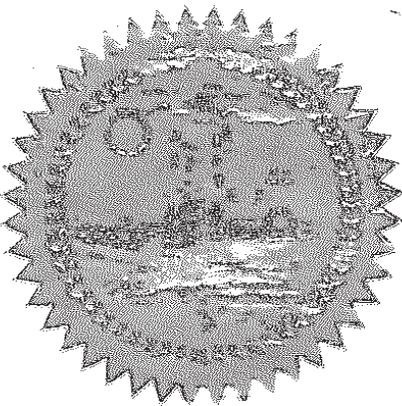
Now, Therefore, I, William D. Sessoms, Jr., Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby Proclaim:

December 7 - 13, 2009

Human Rights Week

In Virginia Beach, and I encourage all citizens to acquaint themselves with human rights issues, to support human rights advocates, to recognize the good works performed by human rights heroes, and to Stand United by participating in this observance.

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 Fourth day of December, Two Thousand Nine.



Will Sessoms

William D. Sessoms, Jr.
Mayor