



# Proclamation

- Whereas: The National League of Cities is committed to promoting racial equality and justice as a fundamental aspect of a healthy community and has invited local officials across the country to renew their commitment; and*
- Whereas: By Act of Congress of the United States dated July 2, 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was adopted banning discrimination because of a person's color, race, national origin, religion, or sex; and*
- Whereas: By Act of Congress of the United States dated December 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States was adopted abolishing slavery; and*
- Whereas: By Act of Congress of the United States dated July 9, 1868, the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States giving all persons born or naturalized in the United States the right to due process and equal protection under the law; and*
- Whereas: The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission, serves as a positive advocate for the human rights in our community and promotes mutual understanding and respect among citizens:*

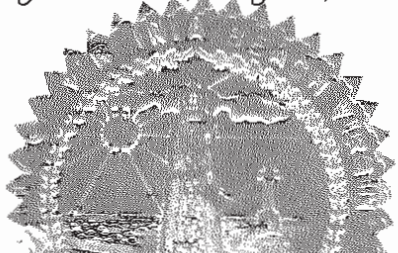
*Now, Therefore, I, Meyera E. Oberndorf, Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby Proclaim:*

*September 19, 2001*

## Race Equality Day

*In Virginia Beach, and I reaffirm my commitment to ensuring racial equality and justice in our community and to working with the National League of Cities to sustain this commitment throughout the country. I further urge all Civic Leagues and Citizens to support efforts that declare racism unjust and that advocate equal rights for all.*

*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 First day of September, Two Thousand One.*



*Meyera E. Oberndorf*  
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Mayor