



# Proclamation

- Whereas: The National League of Cities is committed to promoting racial equality and justice as a fundamental aspect of a healthy community; and*
- Whereas: Racism and discrimination are unjust and the City of Virginia Beach is an advocate for equal rights for all; 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 July 9, 1868, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution was adopted giving all persons born or naturalized in the United States the right to due process and equal protection under the law; and*
- Whereas: The City of Virginia Beach is committed to ensuring racial equality and justice for all.*

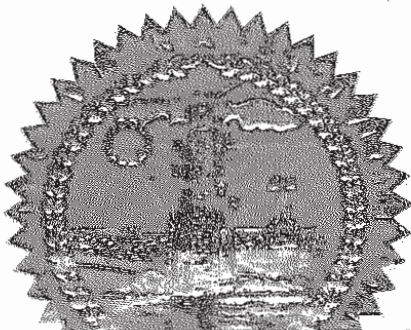
*Now Therefore, I, Meyera E. Oberndorf, Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby proclaim*

**October 18-22, 2004**

## Race Equality Week

*In Virginia Beach, and I encourage all Citizens to renew their commitment to fostering the spirit of harmony among all races.*

*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 Sixth day of October, Two Thousand Four.*



*Meyera E. Oberndorf*

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Mayor