

**RESOLUTION NO. 12942-16**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, wishes to honor and recognize Robert S. Coleman for his four years of service as a member of the Newport News City Council; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, Robert S. Coleman has served the citizens of the City of Newport News as a representative of the North District. As part of his City Council service, he was appointed to serve on the Newport News Transportation Safety Commission. On July 8, 2014, he was selected to serve as Vice Mayor by his peers on City Council; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Coleman was born in Seoul, South Korea. He moved to Newport News with his family shortly after his birth. A product of Newport News Public Schools, Robert S. Coleman graduated from Warwick High School in 1989 before attending Thomas Nelson Community College and beginning his career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Coleman rose through the ranks of the Sheriff's Office, working from Corrections Deputy to his current rank of Major. As he progressed through the ranks, Robert S. Coleman had responsibility for numerous functions, including the work release program, substance abuse counseling, home electronic monitoring, job training, civil process, courtroom security, transportation, information technology, fleet management, and many others. Robert S. Coleman was instrumental in the implementation of a new Records Management System utilized by all public safety agencies within the City; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Coleman has been a passionate, vocal leader and advocate for the citizens of his district as well as the citizens of the City as a whole. He has been active in several civic organizations, including the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, the Newport News Free Clinic, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the American Red Cross, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, and the Coats for Kids Program. He is a founding member of the Denbigh Youth Alliance, and in 2014 was selected by Governor Terry McAuliffe to serve on the State Executive Council for At-Risk Youth and Families; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Coleman has made many valuable contributions to the City, the Virginia Peninsula, and the entire Hampton Roads Region which this Council wishes to recognize.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby recognizes Robert S. Coleman for his two years as Vice Mayor and

four years as a member of the Newport News City Council.

2. That it expresses its heartfelt appreciation for his many contributions to the City, the Virginia Peninsula, and the Hampton Roads Region.

3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of this body and that a copy be delivered to Robert S. Coleman as a token of respect and warm appreciation of this Council and the citizens of Newport News.

4. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, July 12, 2016.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON JULY 12, 2016

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS  
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk