

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE BRISTOL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE AGENCY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Bristol established by resolution on September 6, 1938, the Housing Authority of the City of Bristol; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority took its first official action on March 27, 1939, and submitted an application to the United States Housing Authority for the development of Bristol's first two public housing developments; and

WHEREAS, during its first three decades, the Housing Authority of the City of Bristol transformed several rundown neighborhoods in the City of Bristol by removing dilapidated structures and developing more than 425 units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Bristol, which is currently known as the Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority, continues to manage these affordable housing units, as well as other housing assistance programs, and is currently the largest provider of affordable housing assistance in the City, serving more than 650 families; and

WHEREAS, for more than seven decades, the Authority has steadfastly provided housing and other services that would not have been available to low- and moderate-income citizens in the Bristol community such as secondary education, job training, job placement, drug prevention, health services and homeownership training; and

WHEREAS, being Virginia's second-oldest redevelopment and housing authority, the Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority recently celebrated the agency's 75th Anniversary; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, that we recognize the Commissioners and employees of the Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority for their dedication to serving the needs of the low- and moderate-income citizens of the City of Bristol, Virginia for three-quarters of a century.