

PROCLAMATION



MAY 21, 2024

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SYLVESTER SMITH

WHEREAS, Sylvester Smith retires on May 31, 2024, after completing outstanding service to the residents of King George County, Virginia, for nearly 25 years; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a groundskeeper, providing critical maintenance services to various county facilities; and

WHEREAS, whether repairing a wall or mopping a spill, Sylvester Smith always shares his shining light with everyone around him; and

WHEREAS, the positive atmosphere he promotes in the workplace has made a tremendous impact on his colleagues that is immeasurable and goes beyond the duties outlined in his position; and

WHEREAS, Sylvester Smith's kindness is contagious and his spirit impacts everyone around him; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and the residents of King George, Virginia, through his sheer presence and dedication to excellence during his nearly 25 years of service to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the King George County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize and celebrate the outstanding performance of Sylvester Smith and calls upon the residents of King George to join them in congratulating Mr. Smith on his service to the community.

ADOPTED this twenty first day of May 2024 by

Vice Chair Cathy Binder, Board of Supervisors

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MAY 21, 2024

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SHAWN SIMMONS

WHEREAS, Division Chief Shawn Simmons retires on May 31, 2024, after completing outstanding service to the residents of King George County, Virginia, for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, she began her career in fire, rescue and emergency services in Chesapeake in 1985 until she joined the U.S. Navy 1988; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Simmons served as a data processing technician at the Pentagon in the chief naval operations office until 1991, then she received orders to serve at the National Naval Medical Center until completing active duty in 1993; and

WHEREAS, not only did she serve her country but also her community as a volunteer fire and rescue member of the various localities she lived in since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Simmons joined the Dahlgren Rescue Squad when she moved to King George County in 1995 and was hired as a career fire and rescue member in 1998; and

WHEREAS, she has earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues and the residents of King George, Virginia, for the dedication, professionalism, and spirit she has exemplified over her nearly 30 years of service to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the King George County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize and celebrate the outstanding performance of Shawn Simmons and calls upon the residents of King George to join them in congratulating Ms. Simmons on her service to the community.

ADOPTED this twenty first day of May 2024 by

Vice Chair Cathy Binder, Board of Supervisors

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MAY 21, 2024

HONORING THE SERVICE OF STEVE BASHAM

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Steve Basham retired on April 30, 2024, after completing outstanding service to the residents of King George County, Virginia, for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in fire, rescue and emergency services as a volunteer for King George County at the age of 17 in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Steve Basham was hired by the volunteer organization as an individual firefighter, responsible for checking every truck daily, performing maintenance on all the apparatus and maintaining the building and grounds, as well as transporting the apparatus to calls, often responding by himself to manage the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Steve Basham was hired by the county in 1999, until his promotion in 2004 as Deputy Chief; and

WHEREAS, his story is not just of one who fulfilled his duties but also one of the testament of dedication, strength, and perseverance Steve Basham embodies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Steve Basham has faced countless challenges and adversities with unparalleled fortitude and resilience, with a commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of others, undoubtedly saving countless lives, leaving an indelible mark on our community;

WHEREAS, he has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and the residents of King George, Virginia, through his core values of professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication, and excellence during his over 40 years of service to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the King George County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize and celebrate the outstanding performance of Steve Basham and calls upon the residents of King George to join them in congratulating Mr. Basham on his service to the community.

ADOPTED this twenty first day of May 2024 by

Vice Chair Cathy Binder, Board of Supervisors