

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the powers of mayor, in addition to being presiding officer, shall be the head of the local government for all official functions and ceremonial purposes, and

WHEREAS, all power and authority to set policy for the City of Danville rests with an elected governing body, which is City Council, and from this body a mayor is chosen, and

WHEREAS, today as members of City Council, we stand on the shoulders of giants through the dedication, determination, leadership and service of 42 former mayors from 1833 to present, and

WHEREAS, former mayors Seward Anderson, John Gilstrap, John Hamlin, Sam Kushner, Sherman Saunders, Wayne Williams, and Linwood Wright are living today, and

WHEREAS, these former mayors and the councils on which they served played a major role in creating the institutions that make Danville great, and it is because of their work that this city has a better future, and

WHEREAS, these former mayors represented the city and council at engagements within the community with integrity and honor, and

WHEREAS, these former mayors not only served the city well as elected officials, but continue to support this city in its hopes and dreams for an even better tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alonzo L. Jones, Mayor of the City of Danville, Virginia, do hereby recognize the former mayors of this city and sincerely express the City's appreciation and gratitude for their distinguished service and continued support to the City of Danville and the community.

GIVEN under my hand this 18th day of December 2018.

**ALONZO L. JONES
MAYOR**