

# City of Richmond

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



RICHMOND, VIRGINIA USA 23219

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, originally called "Richmond's Tacky Xmas Decoration Contest and Grand Highly Illuminated House Tour," the Richmond Tacky Lights Tour was founded by local radio deejay, Barry "Mad Dog" Gottlieb in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Richmond, Virginia was recently recognized by BusinessWeek as "the capital of the lighting universe" for its lighting decorations and Forbes Magazine referred to the area lights as a "Christmas beacon"; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Tacky Light Tour will recreate its first tour on Wednesday, December 15; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Tacky Light Tour, founder Barry "Mad Dog" Gottlieb will travel from San Francisco to escort the 2010 tour on December 15; and

WHEREAS, the original tour attendees will help celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> tour, along with the tour's host and founder, the original bus company, Winn Transportation and new Tacky Light Tour enthusiasts during a complimentary tour;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of the City of Richmond, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 15, 2010 as

### **"RICHMOND TACKY LIGHT TOUR DAY"**

in the City of Richmond and encourage all residents of our great city to embrace this holiday tradition and welcome all visitors to enjoy the spirit of the tour.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the seal of the City of Richmond, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

  
Dwight C. Jones, Mayor  
City of Richmond