



Proclamation

- Whereas:* On October 7, 2023, Hamas, a US-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization and a proxy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, launched an unprovoked terrorist attack and invaded southern Israel, and brutally and indiscriminately murdered nearly 1,200 men, women, and children, while kidnapping 250 more, including American citizens; and
- Whereas:* The October 7th massacre marked the worst act of violence targeting Jews since the Holocaust, left Jewish communities worldwide in grief and deeply traumatized, and triggered a global wave of antisemitism unprecedented in the post-World War II era; and
- Whereas:* Antisemitism is not only a danger to Jewish communities, but a corrosive force that undermines the social fabric of democratic societies; and
- Whereas:* Virginia Beach rejects antisemitism and all forms of hatred, bigotry, and extremism, and affirms the safety, dignity, and equal protection of all who call our city home.

Now, Therefore, I, Robert M. Dyer, Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby proclaim:

October 7, 2025, as a Municipal Day of Remembrance and Community Resilience

In Virginia Beach and I call upon all citizens to join us in remembering the lives taken on October 7th, call for the immediate return of all hostages still held by Hamas, stand in solidarity with our Jewish neighbors, and unconditionally condemn antisemitism in all its contemporary forms, along with every expression of hatred and bigotry. We reaffirm our city's unwavering commitment to safeguard the safety, dignity, and equal rights of every resident.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be affixed this Seventh Day of October Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer
Mayor