

PROCLAMATION RECOGNITION OF REVEREND JAMES M. KILBY

WHEREAS, because of the many important contributions that Reverend James M. Kilby has made to the Town of Front Royal, he is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James M. Kilby was a member of the Lost Class of 1959 and a Survivor of Massive Resistance; and,

WHEREAS, at the age of 17, Reverend James M. Kilby one of the first two Black people to formally graduate from Warren County High School in 1961; and,

WHEREAS, Decades after the integration of Warren County schools, Reverend Kilby continued to live in Front Royal, visit local classrooms, and organize community dialogues to facilitate healing; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Kilby's compassion for others and dedication to God was evidenced through his service to the Baptist church. He is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, during his time as a faith leader within the Baptist ministry, Rev. Kilby served as a leader in various roles and activities, including as a member of the Warren Heritage Society, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Democratic National Committee, Disabled American Veterans, Concerned Black Males Group, Black Military History Institute, Wayland Blueridge Ministerial Association, Washington Baptist Church Ministerial Association, Front Royal Ministerial Association, American Legion; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council do hereby proclaim that, on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, the community of Front Royal will celebrate the life of Reverend James Kilby who departed this Earth on December 30, 2022.

APPROVED:

Lori A. Cockrell
Lori A. Cockrell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina L. Presley
Tina L. Presley, Clerk of Council

This proclamation was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, VA on January 9, 2023.