



CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

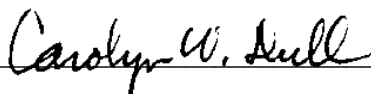
Local Government Education Week April 1-7, 2018

- WHEREAS,** since the colonial period, the Commonwealth of Virginia has closely held the institutions of local government; and
- WHEREAS,** local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the citizens of the communities they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** citizen services such as, law enforcement, public health and safety, recreational opportunities, and educating local children, are most often delivered at the local level; and
- WHEREAS,** in recognition of the work performed by local governments, the Virginia General Assembly, on February 29, 2012, designated the first week in April as Local Government Education Week in Virginia; and
- WHEREAS,** April 2, 1908 was the date of creation of the Council-Manager form of government in the City of Staunton, thereby making the first week in April appropriate for this designation; and
- WHEREAS,** to honor the intent of Local Government Education Week, City leaders will host a Model City Council program as part of a Civic Engagement Project initiated by Mary Baldwin University's (MBU) Alpha Kappa Gamma Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, a national political science honor society; and
- WHEREAS,** Staunton City Schools, MBU and Stuart Hall School have partnered on the three-month-long project in which eight MBU students, 10 Robert E. Lee High School students and one student from Stuart Hall School are participating, which will culminate in the Model City Council meeting to be held on April 4, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Staunton City Council that April 1-7, 2018 is hereby designated as

Local Government Education Week

and **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED,** that the Staunton City Council will partner with local schools and Mary Baldwin University to promote civic education and engagement in an effort to educate citizens about their local government, strengthen the sense of community, and engage the next generation of local government leaders, adopted this 27th day of March, 2018.


CAROLYN W. DULL, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COUNCIL