



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Donald Roberts, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, relocated to Hampton Roads in 1981 to accept a job with WAVY-TV 10 as a reporter; and
- WHEREAS,** Don was the first male anchor of WAVY News 10 Today in 1989; and
- WHEREAS,** Don currently holds the record for the longest tenured news anchor on a singular broadcast in Hampton Roads television; and
- WHEREAS,** for three decades, Don has woken up before the sunrise from his Newport News home to drive to Portsmouth to deliver the news, good or bad, with integrity; and
- WHEREAS,** Don has served as a role model and mentor for countless other broadcasters, many of whom were new to the industry and Hampton Roads; and
- WHEREAS,** Don provided unwavering support to children and youth in the foster care system by launching "Wednesday's Child," a segment that introduced us to children in foster care waiting for adoption and adult volunteer mentors; and
- WHEREAS,** to disrupt the cycle of violence in our community, Don launched the Chess Nutz Knights Network in 2017. Through this program, he spent countless hours at Newport News Juvenile Services playing chess and mentoring incarcerated teens; and
- WHEREAS,** Don plans to continue this work and expand the program in years to come to reach more at-risk youth in Hampton Roads; and
- WHEREAS,** Don's departure from appearing on the airwaves daily will leave many missing his bow ties and his positive messages, sharing "it is a mighty fine day," nonetheless, he will remain a valued Newport News resident, activist, and community leader.

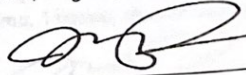
NOW, THEREFORE, I, McKinley L. Price, Mayor of the City of Newport News, do hereby proclaim
September 30, 2022 as a

DAY OF COMMEMORATION FOR DON ROBERTS

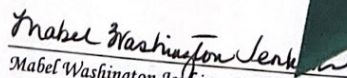
in the City of Newport News.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused to be duly
affixed the Seal of the City of Newport
News, Virginia, this 30th day of 2022.


McKinley L. Price, DDS, Mayor
City of Newport News, Virginia

ATTEST:


Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk