

MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
October 12, 2010—7:30 pm

ADDENDUM

1. [Presentation of proclamation recognizing GED and Career Pathways Awareness Week.](#) (2 minutes)



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: October 12, 2010

Item No:

Department: Clerk of Council

Issue: Presentation of proclamation recognizing GED and Career Pathways Awareness Week.

Summary: A representative will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Recommendations:



P R O C L A M A T I O N

IN RECOGNITION OF

VIRGINIA GED AND CAREER PATHWAYS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, a well-educated, highly skilled workforce is essential to the economic growth of the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board region, which represents the cities of Danville and Martinsville and the counties of Henry, Patrick and Pittsylvania; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20 percent of working adults in the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board region, lack a high school diploma or GED certificate, drastically reducing their chance to earn a living wage and support their families; and

WHEREAS, the emerging 21st century economy will be driven by jobs that will require lifelong learning from employees and require a higher skill set; and

WHEREAS, the GED certificate is recognized throughout the country as a high school equivalency credential that can open the door for Virginians to embark on a lifetime of learning and career training leading to higher levels of employment; and

WHEREAS, new career pathway programs, like Middle College and PlugGED In, and innovative projects such as adult education transition specialists and adult career coaches, are offering new learning options and support systems for low-skilled, low wage Virginia workers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Workforce Network, a collaboration of partners working to build a sustainable career pathway system in Virginia by connecting and aligning the state's adult education, higher education, and employment programs, has identified awareness of and access to GEG preparation programs as a priority in moving more Virginians into postsecondary education and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Comprehensive Workforce Centers, the Virginia Department of Education, and the Virginia Workforce Network's other program partners throughout the Commonwealth have joined efforts to increase GED attainment and subsequent enrollment in postsecondary education and training programs; and

Now, Therefore, I, Kim Adkins, Mayor, of the City of Martinsville, VA, hereby recognize **October 18-23, 2010, as GED and Career Pathways Awareness Week** in the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board region, and I call this observation to the attention of all our citizens.

Kim Adkins
Mayor