WHEREAS by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Richmond I do hereby create the Anti-Poverty Commission; and

WHEREAS under this authority, the Anti-Poverty Commission is hereby established to develop strategies to address poverty that have demonstrable results for increasing employment and educational attainment, improving transportation, and enhancing healthy communities for Richmond residents; and

WHEREAS the City of Richmond seeks to identify the root causes of poverty in the City and develop policies designed to address these causes; and

WHEREAS according to the US Census 2009 American Community Survey, 22.1% of Richmond residents are below the poverty threshold set by the Federal government, compared to 7.2% average for the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS the US Census 2009 American Community Survey reports the median household income for residents of the City of Richmond as $37,735, while the median household income for the Commonwealth of Virginia is $60,301; and

WHEREAS according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 2010 data, the unemployment rate in the City of Richmond is 9.5%, while the rate of unemployment for the Commonwealth is 6.4%; and

WHEREAS the City of Richmond seeks to promote economic parity and social justice;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of the City of Richmond, do hereby set forth to develop an Anti-Poverty Commission, and do hereby order that:
The Commission will consist of the following work groups; Job Creation, Workforce Development/Education, Policy/Legislation, Healthy Communities, Research/Evaluation, and Transportation. The Commission will provide recommendations on strategies to address poverty. The Commission will identify strategies consistent with making Richmond a Ticr One City, and develop a report detailing its recommendations within twelve months of the establishment of the Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Richmond to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Richmond, this eighteenth day of March, two thousand and eleven.

[Signature]
Dwight C. Jones

March 18, 2011
Date