



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *the Power of Travel has been a consistent driver of Newport News' economy and workforce; and*
- WHEREAS,** *a robust travel industry provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.6 trillion in economic output in 2019, with \$1.1 trillion spent directly by travelers in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS,** *travel has been the foundation of a healthy workforce, serving as one of the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 17 million jobs in 2019; and*
- WHEREAS,** *spending by travelers has aided state and local governments alike, generating \$180 billion in tax revenue in 2019 to support essential services and programs; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Power of Travel will drive Newport News and the United States forward to a more prosperous future; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the year 2021 marks the 38th annual National Travel and Tourism Week sponsored by the U.S. Travel Association.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *McKinley L. Price, Mayor of the City of Newport News, do hereby designate the week of May 2 - 8, 2021, as*

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

in the City of Newport News and urge all of our citizens to join with representatives of the tourism industry to recognize the critical role this industry plays in Newport News, not just to our local economy and workforce, but to our community's identity and culture. Citizens can help the tourism industry by supporting Newport News hotels, restaurants, businesses, and attractions.



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 2nd day of May 2021.

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

ATTEST:

*Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk*