

*TEMPLATE*  
*(LOCALITIES CAN ADJUST FORMAT AND CONTENT AS NEEDED FOR THEIR LOCALITY)*

**PROCLAMATION**  
**APRIL 1-7, 2020 AS**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION WEEK**

**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 creation of the Council-Manager form of government in the City of Staunton thereby making the first week in April appropriate for this designation.

**WHEREAS**, [insert your locality specific activities that occur this specific week or through the year that honor the intent of Local Government Education Week]

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by **(Local Governing Body)** that April 1-7, 2020 is hereby designated as Local Government Education Week; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the **(Local Governing Body)** and the **(Local School Board)** will partner 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 managers.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.