

# Town of Cottage City Proclamation

## In Honor of James J. Blue

**WHEREAS**, James J. Blue, affectionately known throughout the community as “Blue”, “Boss”, “JJ,” and “Jerome”, was born on June 13, 1943, in Washington, D.C., and lived a life defined by service, dedication, and deep love for family and community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blue devoted 29 years of honorable service to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), contributing to the daily mobility of countless residents and commuters, and retired in 2005 after a distinguished career marked by reliability, professionalism, and care for others; **and**

**WHEREAS**, following his retirement, James J. Blue continued his commitment to public service by faithfully serving the Port Towns and the Town of Cottage City as a bus driver for seniors, ensuring safe transportation, companionship, and dignity for older residents, and becoming a trusted and familiar presence in their lives; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blue was known not only for his work ethic, but also for his vibrant spirit and zest for life, enjoying fishing, card playing, traveling, hand dancing, gardening, boating, cookouts, biking, and playing pool, and sharing these joys generously with family and friends; **and**

**WHEREAS**, he was a diehard Washington Redskins / Commanders fan, whose loyalty and enthusiasm reflected his pride in his hometown and love of community traditions; **and**

**WHEREAS**, James J. Blue was a devoted husband, father, and family man, and is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Lois Ann Blue, a respected Community Advocate, whose own service and leadership continue to strengthen and uplift the community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, he is also survived by his beloved children: Tina Dorsey, Tyrone Blue, Eric Blue, Tracy Dorsey, Myron Anderson, Jamarr Blue, Stacy Blue, and the baby Jaimey Blue Porter, whose lives reflect his values of hard work, compassion, and commitment to family; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cottage City recognizes that the legacy of James J. Blue lives on through the lives he touched, the seniors he served, the family he cherished, and the community that was made stronger by his presence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that we do hereby honor and remember James J. Blue for his lifetime of service, generosity, and community spirit, and extend our deepest gratitude for his contributions and our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this Proclamation stands as a testament to a life well lived and a reminder that service to others leaves a lasting and meaningful legacy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Commission of the Town of Cottage City have hereunto set their hands and caused the Seal of the Town to be affixed this 18 day of December 2025.

Signed by:  
*Wanda Wheatley*  
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**Wanda Wheatley, Commissioner Chair, Ward 3**

Signed by:  
*Commissioner Julia Salsich*  
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**Julia Salsich, Commissioner, Ward 1**

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*Commissioner Reney Henderson*  
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**Reney Henderson, Commissioner, Ward 2**



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**Demetrius Givens, Commissioner, Ward 4**

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*Commissioner Vice Chair John Brooks*  
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**John Brooks, Commissioner Vice Chair, At-Large**