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**Office of Gerrie Schipske**  
**Councilwoman, Fifth District**  
**Memorandum**

Date: January 5, 2010

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

From: Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, Fifth District *GS*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Request City Attorney to Prepare a Resolution of Support for Religious Freedom Day 2010**

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**DISCUSSION**

National Religious Freedom Day commemorates the Virginia General Assembly's adoption of Thomas Jefferson's landmark Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786. This vital document became the basis for the separation of church and state, and led to freedom of religion for all Americans as protected in the religion clause in the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment.

Each year, the President declares January 16th to be Religious Freedom Day, and calls upon Americans to "observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship."

**RECOMMENDATION**

Request the City Attorney to prepare a resolution of support for Religious Freedom Day 2010.

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