

City of Annapolis



City Council Citation



On behalf of the residents of the City of Annapolis, we are pleased to confer upon you this City Council Citation in recognition of the 35th Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival, held on September 13, 2025, at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. This celebration continues a proud tradition of honoring African American culture and history while creating new opportunities for education, entertainment, and community connection. Through the vision and leadership of Kevin Smith and David Stansbury, Co-Founders of 4 The Culture Inc. and Planning Chairs, the festival has expanded in both scale and impact, welcoming thousands, featuring nationally recognized headliners, and providing free, world-class performances for all. With the dedication of Kunta Kinte Celebrations Inc. and the effort of than 100 volunteers, the festival has grown into a community experience that lifts local businesses, residents, and visitors alike. Thank you for your contributions to the cultural life of Annapolis!

Presented to:

35th Annual Kunta Kinte Festival

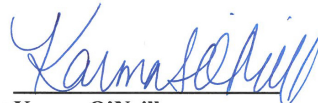
Given Under Our Hands & the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis this 27th day of October, 2025.



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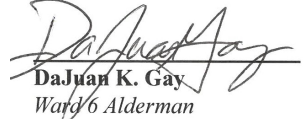
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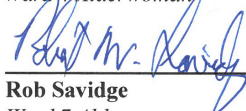
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David Stansbury

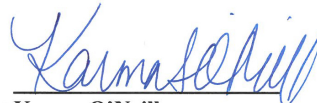
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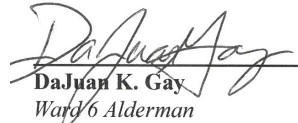
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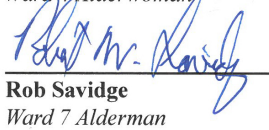
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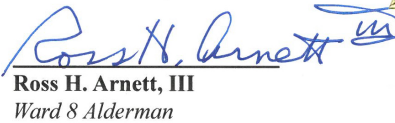
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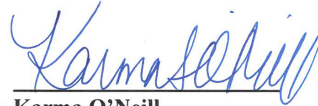
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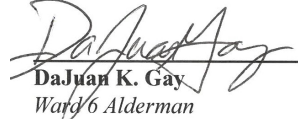
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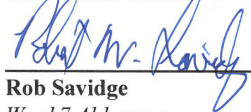
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