



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Executive Department

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in May 2021, Scott Smith’s daughter was the victim of a violent sexual assault in the restroom of a Loudoun County high school for which the assailant was later found criminally responsible; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, **Scott Thomas Smith** exercised his constitutional right to attend a public meeting of the Loudoun County School Board to observe the proceedings, during which time a community member threatened to spread false and malicious information about Mr. Smith’s business with the intent to damage his reputation; and

WHEREAS, after an ensuing verbal confrontation, **Scott Thomas Smith** was charged with Obstruction of Justice and Disorderly Conduct; and

WHEREAS, **Scott Thomas Smith** was convicted in the General District Court of the County of Loudoun on August 17, 2021 of Obstruction of Justice and Disorderly Conduct after pleading not guilty; and

WHEREAS, on appeal, **Scott Thomas Smith’s** conviction for Obstruction of Justice was dismissed with prejudice before trial due to an irregularity not attributable to **Scott Thomas Smith**; and

WHEREAS, on appeal, the Loudoun County Circuit Court issued an order disqualifying the original prosecutor in **Scott Thomas Smith’s** case due to concerns about “the integrity of the prosecution,” “the impartiality of the Commonwealth’s Attorney,” and a specific finding that Scott Smith’s due process rights were “in jeopardy;” and

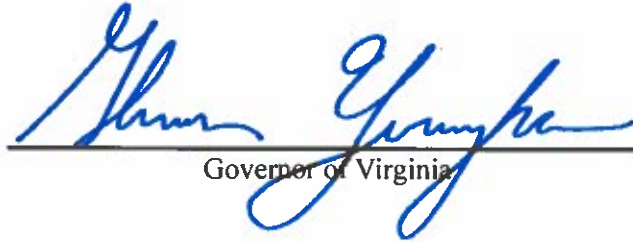
WHEREAS, **Scott Thomas Smith** has been publicly and falsely accused of “domestic terrorism” and “hate crimes” for attempting to advocate for his daughter, a victim of violent sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, upon careful deliberation and review of the circumstances of the matter, I have decided it is just and appropriate to grant this ABSOLUTE PARDON that reflects **Scott Thomas Smith’s** factual innocence of Disorderly Conduct, for which he was convicted on August 17, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn A. Youngkin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in accordance with the authority granted to me under Article V, Section 12 of the Constitution of Virginia, do hereby grant unto **Scott Thomas Smith** this Absolute Pardon from the conviction for Disorderly Conduct handed down by the General District Court of the County of Loudoun on August 17, 2021.



Given under my hand and the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 8th day of September in the year of two thousand and twenty-three and this 248th year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Governor of Virginia



Secretary of the Commonwealth