



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Executive Department

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Travis Hassan May was convicted in the Circuit Court of City of Virginia Beach on July 6, 1994, at age sixteen, of two felonies: Carrying a Firearm on School Property and Possession of a Sawed Off Shotgun; and

WHEREAS, Travis Hassan May was convicted in the Circuit Court of City of Virginia Beach on February 27, 1995, of fourteen felonies: Robbery (4 counts), Attempted Robbery (2 counts), Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony (7 counts), and Malicious Wounding (1 count); and

WHEREAS, Travis Hassan May was convicted in the Circuit Court of City of Norfolk on March 17, 1995, of two felonies: Robbery and Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony; and

WHEREAS, Travis Hassan May was convicted in the Circuit Court of Southampton County on May 27, 2003 of seven felonies: Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, Violating Prison Rules, Attempted Escape, Abduction, Malicious Wounding, Robbery and Assault and Battery of a Law Enforcement Officer, and

WHEREAS, Travis Hassan May was sentenced to an active sentence of incarceration of 160 years and six months for the 1994 and 1995 convictions and an additional 15 years for the 2003 conviction; and

WHEREAS, by counsel, Travis Hassan May, filed his petition seeking executive clemency, specifically requesting a conditional pardon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. May was effectively given a life sentence as a juvenile and is not parole-eligible due to Virginia's three-strikes law; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that to sentence a juvenile to life without possibility of parole for a non-homicide offense is a violation of the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, constituting cruel and unusual punishment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. May has reformed himself considerably and achieved great success through the Virginia Department of Corrections' programs for education and rehabilitation, garnering the support of many individuals, including corrections officers, program facilitators, and fellow inmates in his pursuit of clemency; and

WHEREAS, it is this very possibility of rehabilitation and redemption, which Mr. May has achieved, that makes a sentence of life without possibility of parole so cruel and offensive to the principles of a civilized society; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2017, after a careful review of all known facts and circumstances, the Virginia Parole Board recommended a conditional pardon; and

WHEREAS, Travis Hassan May appears to be a proper subject for clemency, specifically for favorable consideration of his petition for a conditional pardon;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 12 of the Constitution of Virginia, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby grant Travis Hassan May, a Conditional Pardon for the above listed convictions received on July 6, 1994, February 27, 1995, March 17, 1995 and May 27, 2003, reducing his sentence to time-served plus the period it takes for him to complete the Re-entry Program provided by the Virginia Department of Corrections, as well as a three-year period of supervised release. This pardon is conditioned on Mr. May abiding by the following conditions:

- 1.) He successfully completes the Re-entry program provided by the Virginia Department of Corrections.
- 2.) He enter a three-year period of supervision to be established by the Virginia Parole Board after his release from prison.
- 3.) He comply with all other conditions set by the Virginia Parole Board during his supervised release.

The Virginia Parole Board may revoke Travis Hassan May's pardon, based on a violation of one or more of the conditions above, or based on a finding by the Board that he is otherwise unfit or unsuitable to remain on supervision. Travis Hassan May shall be subject to arrest upon cause shown by the Virginia Parole Board or the Parole Officer.

Given under my hand and the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 12th day of January in the year of two thousand and eighteen and this 242nd year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor

Attest:

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth