

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### Charlottesville Human Rights Commission 10th Anniversary Recognition

**WHEREAS** the Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia Fair Housing Law in 1972, the Virginia Human Rights Act in 1987, and passed enabling legislation authorizing localities to enact human rights ordinances and establish human rights commissions; and

**WHEREAS** in September 2008 City Council proposed a community-centered initiative known as the Dialogue on Race, which began in December 2009 and led to the formation of the Human Rights Task Force on February 9, 2012; and

**WHEREAS** on May 20, 2013, City Council approved the Charlottesville Human Rights Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article XV of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, to establish the Charlottesville Human Rights Commission; and

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville Human Rights Commission held its first meeting on November 21, 2013; and

**WHEREAS** the role of the Charlottesville Human Rights Commission is to act as a strong advocate for justice and equal opportunity by providing citywide leadership and guidance in the area of Civil Rights; and

**WHEREAS** City Council envisions Charlottesville to be a place where everyone thrives and is committed to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion through the implementation of equitable practices and policies across all its activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Charlottesville City Council takes great pleasure in recognizing the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charlottesville Human Rights Commission and the contributions of Commissioners past and present in service to the Charlottesville Community.

Signed and sealed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December of 2023.

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**J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council**