

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2024

**WHEREAS** women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Charlottesville in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS** women play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of life in Charlottesville; and

**WHEREAS** particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in our City, women have served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

**WHEREAS** women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, environmental and peace movements, which have created a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS** despite these contributions, the role of women has consistently been overlooked and undervalued in the literature, leadership, teaching and study of American history and it is therefore fitting that we recognize their numerous accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS** the 2024 theme of the National Women's History Month is "Women who advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion," a recognition of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Charlottesville reaffirms its commitment to uplifting and safeguarding women's rightful place in our history and in our society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia,** proclaims the month of March 2024 in Charlottesville as Women's History Month.

Signed and sealed this 18th day of March 2024.

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**Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor**

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council