

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

ADOPT A SHELTER PET DAY

April 30, 2024

WHEREAS more than 6 million pets end up homeless every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS in our community, the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) facilitated the adoption of over 2,650 pets in 2023; and

WHEREAS animal rescue employees, volunteers, and the community work tirelessly to help homeless pets; and

WHEREAS the Charlottesville-Albemarle community helps support homeless pets through care, love, and donations of time, supplies, and funds; and

WHEREAS pets often make life better by giving people love, companionship, and comfort; getting us outside for exercise; and helping us build social connections; and data shows that 84% of pet owners feel their pet improves their mental health; and

WHEREAS our community recognizes the benefits of pets and is collaborating to reach our lowest rate ever for pet homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charlottesville City Council recognizes April 30, 2024, as **Adopt a Shelter Pet Day** and call upon our community to observe this day with support, compassion, and consideration to adopt a shelter pet if it is right for you, your family, and the pet.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of April 2024.

Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor

Attest:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council