

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

Older Americans Month May 2024

WHEREAS May is recognized as Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor older adults in the City of Charlottesville, and their immense influence on every facet of society; and

WHEREAS Charlottesville recognizes how, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS Charlottesville recognizes that older adults improve our community through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS our community benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS the theme of Older Americans Month is “Powered by Connection”, recognizing the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being and the vital role that connectedness plays in supporting independence and aging in place by combatting isolation, loneliness, and other issues; and

WHEREAS Charlottesville aims to ensure that older adults have the resources and support needed to stay involved in the community, reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charlottesville City Council hereby proclaims May 2024 to be **Older Americans Month**. We urge every resident to celebrate our older citizens and to recognize the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connections on the well-being and health of older adults in our community.

Signed and dated this 6th day of May 2024.

Juandiego Wade, Mayor

Attest:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council