

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, May 12-20, 2024**

**and**

**NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY, May 15, 2024**

**WHEREAS** The Congress and President of the United States have designated the week in which May 15 occurs as National Police Week and May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Charlottesville Police Department plays an essential role in safeguarding the Constitutional rights and freedoms of all members of the community; and

**WHEREAS** it is important that all citizens know and understand the hazards, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

**WHEREAS** the names of dedicated police officers who have died in the line of duty are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS** the men and women of City of Charlottesville Police Department unceasingly provide this vital public service in a manner that builds trust;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, declares the week of May 12 to May 20, 2024, to be National Police Week in the City of Charlottesville, and May 15 to be Peace Officers Memorial Day. We call upon all community members to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to the community and have established an enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all community members.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that we observe May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deed, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

**Signed and sealed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.**

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**Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council**