

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

Pride Month June 2024

WHEREAS all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual + (LGBTQIA+) individuals have had immeasurable impacts on the cultural, civic, and economic successes of our country, state, and city; and

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQIA+ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS the LGBTQIA+ community continues to be a target of violence, harassment, and discrimination and yet continues to thrive through the efforts of the community itself and through the support of LGBTQIA+ affirming agencies, and individual allies; and

WHEREAS support for LGBTQIA+ equality continues to grow, education and awareness remain vital to ending discrimination and prejudice against LGBTQIA+ people; and

WHEREAS because of the acts of courage of the millions of people who have come out and who have demanded justice, our Commonwealth and community have made great strides in recognizing that love is love and that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character; and

WHEREAS celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Charlottesville's LGBTQIA+ community, and is an opportunity to act and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights; and

WHEREAS there remains much work to do to extend equality throughout the Commonwealth and the nation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Juandiego Wade**, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQIA+ community, and call upon all Charlottesville residents to embrace the principle of gender equality and to work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists.

Signed and dated this 3rd day of June 2024.

Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor

Attest: **Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council**