

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### **Continued Friendship, Respect and Solidarity on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of Besançon**

**WHEREAS** September 8, 2024, marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of Besançon, France, by the combined *Forces françaises de l'intérieur* and the United States Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division; and

**WHEREAS** the French and American residents of Besançon and Charlottesville have continued to combine forces to enthusiastically cultivate solid, durable and enjoyable ties over the years; and

**WHEREAS** these ties have been cemented by a Proclamation of Friendship signed on September 8, 2004, followed by the establishment of a formal Sister City relationship in October 2006; and

**WHEREAS** our lives have been significantly enhanced by the cultural, educational and economic exchanges between residents of Besançon and Charlottesville;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charlottesville City Council send warm greetings to our Sister City citizens on this 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of Besançon; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that as we celebrate and expand our common pursuits of friendship and respect for diversity and inclusion, we pledge to continue to wholeheartedly nurture and innovate even more exchanges between citizens of Besançon and Charlottesville.

**Signed and sealed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024.**