

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### **CAMP HOLIDAY TRAILS DAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS** in 1974 Camp Holiday Trails, a year-round nonprofit camp based in Charlottesville, became one of the first camps in the region to welcome children with diverse medical diagnoses and their siblings; and

**WHEREAS** for the past 50 years, Camp Holiday Trails has empowered over 10,000 campers by offering traditional camp activities and teaching them to manage their medical diagnoses in a supportive and inclusive environment; and

**WHEREAS** many campers have multiple diagnoses including cancer, diabetes, sickle cell, hemophilia, juvenile arthritis, or are recipients of transplants; 47% also have mental health diagnoses; and

**WHEREAS** Camp Holiday Trails believes in raising awareness and destigmatizing differently-abled individuals, promoting inclusivity and understanding within our community; and

**WHEREAS** Camp Holiday Trails provides financial aid and scholarships to 100% of campers, ensuring that every child can attend camp regardless of their financial situation.

**WHEREAS** each year, over 600 dedicated volunteers make the Camp Holiday Trails mission a reality by continuing to offer a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment where children with medical needs can create lasting memories, build lifelong friendships, and develop essential life skills;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Charlottesville City Council recognizes **November 2, 2024, as Camp Holiday Trails Day**, as they invite alumni, friends, supporters and staff to their 50th Anniversary Celebration November 1st-3rd, 2024.

**Signed and sealed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.**

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Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor