

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

Honoring the 65th Anniversary of The Center at Belvedere

WHEREAS The Center at Belvedere, formerly known as the Senior Center, has been a cornerstone institution serving older adults in Charlottesville and its surrounding region since its founding in 1960; and

WHEREAS The Center has established a nationally recognized model of healthy aging, offering over 150 diverse and engaging programs every week to its thousands of members and visitors, making it a unique and invaluable resource that attracts people from across the United States to central Virginia; and

WHEREAS The Center's evidence-based programming addresses every dimension of wellness, empowering older adults to maintain active, independent lifestyles, forge meaningful social connections, and reduce the gap between lifespan and healthspan—the years lived in good health; and

WHEREAS The Center plays a critical role in preparing our region for the national demographic shift wherein, by the year 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be over the age of 65, ensuring our community remains resilient and supportive of its aging population; and

WHEREAS The Center positively impacts the entire Charlottesville community by fostering healthier aging, reducing healthcare costs, supporting family caregivers, and enabling older adults to enrich our city through volunteerism and civic engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Juandiego Wade, on behalf of the Charlottesville City Council, do hereby congratulate The Center at Belvedere on the occasion of its 65th anniversary. We commend the organization for its outstanding contributions to the health, dignity, and vitality of older adults in our community and we encourage community members to celebrate and honor The Center's 65 years of exemplary service, its vital contributions to the well-being of our community, and its enduring commitment to enriching the lives of older adults.

Signed and sealed this 14th day of February 2025.

Juandiego Wade, Mayor

Attest:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk