

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS EDUCATION and AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that affects approximately 400,000 people in the United States, typically striking young adults in the prime of life – in their 20s to 40s, and women by a rate of 3-to-1; and

WHEREAS March is designated as Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month; it is important to share education and awareness of MS so that the population affected by the disease can lead more productive and satisfying lives, and obtain a timely diagnosis; and

WHEREAS MS is a disease that not only affects the person with the condition but also greatly impacts families, caregivers, friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS the exact cause of MS is still unknown and there is no known cure; every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed with MS; symptoms can range from mild to severe including numbness or tingling in the limbs, muscle spasms, stiffness, weakness, difficulty moving, depression, pain, paralysis, loss of vision and is one of the most common causes of disability in younger adults; and

WHEREAS the non-profit Multiple Sclerosis Alliance of Virginia (MSAV) provides programs and services for anyone in Virginia whose life has been affected by MS;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charlottesville City Council hereby recognizes the month of March as Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month in the City of Charlottesville, and we encourage community members to learn more about the disease to better support one another during times of need.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of March 2025.

Juandiego Wade, Mayor

Attest:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk