

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **Recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VIA Centers for Neurodevelopment**

**WHEREAS** VIA Centers for Neurodevelopment offers a comprehensive continuum of compassionate, evidence-based care, serving more than 150 children and adults in Charlottesville through specialized schools, adult programs, supported employment, and early intervention services designed to support individuals and their families at every stage of life; and

**WHEREAS** at the heart of VIA's mission is the foundational philosophy that every human being possesses inherent dignity and value, and holds the fundamental right to lead a purposeful and meaningful life regardless of ability; and

**WHEREAS** VIA provides community-wide social groups that welcome individuals with neurodevelopmental challenges into safe and supportive environments, offering essential connection and support for both participants and their caregivers; and

**WHEREAS** VIA empowers individuals to build essential life skills and fosters deep community involvement, ensuring that those they serve are not only supported, but fully integrated into the fabric of society; and

**WHEREAS** through collaborative partnerships with local nonprofits, businesses, and school districts, VIA's transformative impact extends beyond its centers, actively contributing to a more inclusive, aware, and accepting community for all people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** this 30th anniversary milestone provides an opportunity to celebrate VIA's legacy of compassion, innovation, and community-building, and to recognize its continued commitment to creating a more inclusive future for all;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Charlottesville City Council hereby recognizes and commends VIA Centers for Neurodevelopment on the occasion of its 30th anniversary for outstanding service and dedication to enhancing the lives of individuals with neurodevelopmental challenges and their families, and for strengthening the Charlottesville community through inclusion, compassion, and opportunity.

Signed and sealed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk