

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

CHARLOTTESVILLE FILIPINO SPRING FESTIVAL DAY

WHEREAS the month of May is recognized nationally as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, a time to honor the history, contributions, and achievements of these communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Charlottesville Filipino Cultural Association (CFCA) was established with the mission to serve, unite, and celebrate the Filipino community in Charlottesville and the surrounding regions, providing a vital network for both long-standing residents and new immigrants; and

WHEREAS the Filipino community in Charlottesville has a rich history dating back to the 1960s, with many of its pioneering members—now in their late 80s and 90s—continuing to serve as pillars of our city; and

WHEREAS the Filipino community has made indispensable contributions to our local economy and well-being, particularly through their dedicated service in the medical and nursing professions, as well as in the hospitality and small business sectors; and

WHEREAS the Philippines is an archipelago of thousands of islands boasting a vast array of subcultures and dialects, and the Inaugural Charlottesville Filipino Spring Festival serves as a bridge to unite these diverse backgrounds while inviting the broader Charlottesville community to engage with Filipino culture; and

WHEREAS this festival, held at the Ix Art Park, will showcase the vibrancy of the Philippines through traditional dance, music, and cuisine, featuring performers and vendors from across the Commonwealth, including Virginia Beach and Northern Virginia, while also highlighting local diversity by hosting Charlottesville-based Black-owned businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charlottesville City Council hereby proclaims May 2, 2026, as **CHARLOTTESVILLE FILIPINO SPRING FESTIVAL DAY** in the City of Charlottesville, and we encourage all residents to visit Ix Art Park on May 2nd between 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM to celebrate the rich heritage, resilience, and cultural contributions of our Filipino neighbors.

Signed and sealed this 20th day of April 2026.

Juandiego Wade, Mayor

Kyna Thomas, Clerk