

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **National Police Week May 11-16, 2026**

To recognize National Police Week 2026, and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**WHEREAS** there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Charlottesville Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,500 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in line of duty, including 3 members of the Charlottesville Police Department and 2 members of the Virginia State Police Department, assisting the City of Charlottesville; and

**WHEREAS** the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

**WHEREAS** 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 111 officers killed in 2025, joining the 23,229 officers killed in previous years; and

**WHEREAS** the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** May 15 is designated as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT** the Charlottesville City Council hereby proclaims that National Police Week will be observed May 11-16, 2026, in the City of Charlottesville and we salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and across the nation.

Signed and sealed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk