

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **Older Americans Month**

**May 2026**

**WHEREAS** May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor older adults in the City of Charlottesville, and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

**WHEREAS** Charlottesville recognizes how, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

**WHEREAS** Charlottesville recognizes that older Americans improve our community through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

**WHEREAS** Charlottesville benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

**WHEREAS** Charlottesville must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities, reflecting our commitment to inclusivity, connectedness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT** the month of May is recognized as Older Americans Month in the City of Charlottesville. City Council urges every resident to Champion Your Health, this year's theme, by taking proactive action to enhance your ability to age in place. We encourage everyone to take an active role in managing their own health, advocating for themselves, accessing preventive care, and making informed decisions that support independence.

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