

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **Dementia Awareness Month**

**May 2026**

**WHEREAS** dementia is a growing public health crisis with more than eleven percent of City of Charlottesville residents over age 65 living with this disorder<sup>1</sup> and approximately fourteen percent of the City's population being over age 65<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** family caregivers are facing increasing physical, mental, emotional and financial strain; and

**WHEREAS** the number of people living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia is expected to grow in the coming years as the number of older residents increases; and

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville City Council wants to ensure that the city is welcoming and inclusive to all those impacted by dementia; and

**WHEREAS** local government, businesses, the faith community, financial institutions, first responders, health care providers, educational institutions, and the residents of the City can make small changes to provide a community in which people living with dementia can continue to be involved, active, respected, valued and understood; and

**WHEREAS** the Dementia Friendly Central Virginia initiative is dedicated to raising community awareness of dementia and the needs of those living with dementia and their caregivers in our area;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT** the month of May 2026 is **Dementia Awareness Month** in the City of Charlottesville and the Charlottesville City Council recognizes Charlottesville as a **Dementia Friendly Community**, urging all residents to participate in education and awareness programs, to support research and innovation, and to share support and services such as the 1-800-DEMENTIA hotline for taking care of oneself or others.

Signed and sealed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> Dhana et al. (2023)

<sup>2</sup> US Census Bureau (2026)