## CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: January 19, 2021

Action Required: Resolution Adoption

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Presenters: Sena Magill, Vice-Mayor

Title: Resolution of Remembrance for COVID-19 Victims

## **Background:**

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has taken over 385,000 lives in the United States since January 2020. President-elect Biden has requested that January 19, 2021 be a day of remembrance for the lives lost to COVID-19.

## **Discussion:**

Locally, the Blue Ridge Health District has seen 97 residents' lives lost due to COVID-19 and the City of Charlottesville has seen 34 residents' lives lost due to COVID-19. (Numbers are current as of January 12, 2021).

The attached Resolution would designate January 19, 2021 as a local day of remembrance for the lives lost to COVID-19.

**Attachment:** Resolution

## RESOLUTION OF REMEMBERANCE FOR THOSE LOST TO COVID-19

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported the first case of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States on January 21, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has taken the lives of 385,000 Americans since January 21, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has taken the lives of over 30 Charlottesville residents since January 21, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, President-elect Joe Biden has asked the nation to come together on January 19, 2021 in a nationwide public moment of recognition of lives lost to COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby honors the memory of all the lives lost to the COVID-19 global pandemic and recognized January 19, 2021 as a citywide Day of Remembrance in honor of those who have perished since the pandemic began.