

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

2022 VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville believes that literacy is critical to active and engaged citizenship, and is committed to promoting reading, writing, and storytelling for all, both within and outside its borders; and

WHEREAS, reading stimulates the creative and intellectual growth of individuals, while also building community through shared experiences, discourse, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Virginia Festival of the Book as a hybrid event, with events presented locally and through online platforms, draws attendees and attention to Charlottesville from around the globe, while providing all programs free of charge to attendees and offering greater accessibility through closed-captions, recap videos, and transcripts; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Humanities, the Virginia Center for the Book, the University of Virginia, local businesses and schools, and cultural and civic organizations collaborate with the Virginia Festival of the Book to explore the world through reading, to foster empathy for the stories of others, and to promote literacy for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 16 through Sunday, March 20, 2022, as the twenty-eighth annual Virginia Festival of the Book, and encourage community members to participate fully in the wide range of available programs and activities.

Signed and sealed this 7th day of March 2022.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor