

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### Charlottesville Band Centennial April 2022

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville Band, formerly known as The Municipal Band of Charlottesville, has filled the air near and far with symphonic music since August 17, 1922; and

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Charlottesville Band is to enrich community life through excellence in musical performance and education; and

**WHEREAS** through free concerts, varied repertoire, and partnerships, the Charlottesville Band provides its members and audiences with musical experiences that entertain, uplift, and inspire; and

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville Band is one of the oldest continuously operating amateur community bands in the United States. The Band has played for 7 Presidents and the Queen of England, and for more than 100,000 local residents. Its seven small group ensembles give dozens of performances each year, from pop-up concerts in public parks to tuxedo-clad recitals at the Paramount Theater. Together band members volunteer over 14,000 hours per year to make excellent music for the community; and

**WHEREAS** Charlottesville has changed a lot since 1922, and so has the band. More than 1,000 members over the past 100 years, representing many different neighborhoods, age groups, professions and backgrounds, have found common ground through the power of music. In 2020, when the pandemic made large concerts impossible, the Band's small ensembles took to the streets and performed at socially distanced outdoor performances, boosting community morale and keeping the local music scene vibrant; and

**WHEREAS** in 2022, the Band, newly renamed The Charlottesville Band—or Cville Band, for short – is celebrating its 100th consecutive year in operation; and

**WHEREAS** the 2022 Spring Concert with Steve Layman as Music Director will open the Centennial Season with three selections written especially for the occasion; the program will also feature a performance by the winner of the annual James W. Simmons Solo Contest and the Rev. Dr. Genevieve Murphy Scholarship for Young Musicians;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2022 as Charlottesville Band Day and encourage members of the public to attend one or more of the Band's nine live performances throughout this Centennial Year.

Signed and dated this 18th day of April 2022.

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**J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor**