

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UVA Month

WHEREAS, an active mind is as necessary to a full life as are social relationships and physical exercise; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Institute for Lifelong Learning (JILL) began in 2001 to bring educational opportunities and intellectual enrichment to active adults in the Charlottesville-Albemarle community; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 JILL became affiliated with the University of Virginia, and changed its name to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Virginia (OLLI at UVA); and

WHEREAS, OLLI at UVA draws on the resources of its members, as well as other academic and community resources, to organize courses and other educational activities so that members can acquire new knowledge, explore ideas, exercise creativity, and share their interests and expertise with others; and

WHEREAS, OLLI at UVA has offered and continues to offer courses and educational activities on a wide range of topics, from Jeffersonian Architecture to African-American Culture, from the History of the Hapsburg Dynasty to Pirates Through History, from Financial Planning to an Insider's Look at Virginia Wines; and

WHEREAS, OLLI started with 17 instructors and 98 student participants in 2001, and has grown so that in recent years OLLI has offered hundreds of courses with thousands of student participants; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID pandemic, OLLI at UVA kept operating, moving its programming online, offering social opportunities to enrich community connectedness, and creating Special Presentations available to the public; and

WHEREAS, our diversity of enrichment opportunities – of which OLLI is a prime example – is an important part of why Charlottesville and Albemarle are consistently named on lists of the best places for retirees; and

WHEREAS, OLLI at UVA has for 20 years been a community benefit, offering robust course offerings, exciting trips, and a community of friendly faces; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that the Charlottesville City Council encourages our residents to participate in OLLI at UVA's offerings, and hereby proclaim July as OLLI at UVA Month, recognizing it as a valuable resource for our community as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of June 2022.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor