

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville 2022 Centennial

WHEREAS the Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville, founded in April 1922 is celebrating its 100th year of service: "Serving the Children of the World" (1922-2022); and

WHEREAS Kiwanis International was founded in Detroit, Michigan in 1915, as a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. There are over 200,000 adult Kiwanians and more than 325,000 Kiwanis Family members in 80 countries and geographic areas around the world; and

WHEREAS Kiwanis has been a pioneer in empowering community volunteers dedicated to tackling local and international community issues, especially those that affect young children and youth; and

WHEREAS Kiwanis International's most recent world service project in conjunction with UNICEF helped to Eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) from the face of the earth. This project followed Kiwanis International's previous successful project, also with UNICEF, of ridding the world of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD), the leading preventable cause of intellectual disabilities, worldwide; and

WHEREAS Kiwanis is perhaps best known for its service leadership programs, currently with Key Clubs at four local high schools, the Circle K International (CKI) Club at the University of Virginia, and an Aktion Club at Innisfree Village. More than three hundred youth are members of these clubs; and

WHEREAS The Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville is committed to serving the children and youth of the community through volunteer projects, civic engagement, fundraising, and leadership development; Kiwanians and Kiwanis Family leaders have been giants of service and leadership in this community for more than a third of the span of this community's history;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Charlottesville hereby proclaims August 29, 2022 as Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville Day in celebration of this milestone Centennial Year.

Signed and dated this 15th day of August 2022.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor