

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

2023 VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK MARCH 23 – MARCH 26

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;

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

WHEREAS, the 2023 Virginia Festival of the Book, with events presented locally and livestreamed, 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;

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 connect with one another through reading, foster empathy for the stories of others, and promote literacy for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 23 through Sunday, March 26, 2023, as the twenty-ninth 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 6th day of March 2023.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor