

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

DR. ALVIN EDWARDS DAY AUGUST 27, 2022

WHEREAS for forty-one years, Dr. Alvin Edwards has served as Senior Pastor of Mount Zion First African Baptist Church in Charlottesville, shepherding hundreds of parishioners over the years; and

WHEREAS for forty-one years Dr. Edwards has been a "Man in his Time," leading Charlottesville and his congregation with knowledge and understanding; and

WHEREAS Dr. Edwards has served the City of Charlottesville faithfully as a member of City Council and as Mayor; as a member, and Chair of, the Charlottesville School Board; as Chaplain for the Charlottesville Fire Department; and as a member of the Charlottesville Clergy Collective, the African-American Pastor's Council, and the Charlottesville Community Celebration of MLK Day, as well as many other boards and committees; and

WHEREAS for forty-one years Dr. Edwards has been preaching inspiring sermons to equip members of the community for service impacting the social and moral fiber of Charlottesville and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS Dr. Edwards has served as a teacher for the National Baptist Congress for Christian Education, as well as the Lecturer in the Youth Division, and as a Christian Education Consultant for the Progressive National Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS many of his congregants and personal contacts have gone on to become ministers, educators and social activists in Charlottesville and beyond; and

WHEREAS Dr. Edwards has been recognized as an outstanding pastor, educator and leader, having received numerous awards including: Xi Iota Chapter Omega Man of the Year, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and Multiple Sclerosis Person of the Year. Dr. Edwards currently serves on the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Medicine and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. as general secretary; and

WHEREAS Dr. Alvin Edwards is a devoted husband to his wife Barbara and a loving father to Alvin, Brianna, Isaac and Brittany;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as he celebrates forty-one years of pastoral and community service, the Charlottesville City Council wishes to express deep gratitude to Dr. Alvin Edwards for his lifetime of dedication to his beloved community, and we ask all those hearing this proclamation to express to Dr. Edwards just how much they appreciate his service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charlottesville City Council hereby proclaims August 27, 2022 as **Dr. Alvin Edwards Day** in the City of Charlottesville.

Signed and sealed this 27th day of August 2022.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor

