

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **Adult Abuse Prevention Month**

**WHEREAS** adults of all ages—particularly older adults and adults with disabilities—deserve to live with dignity, independence, and free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

**WHEREAS** adult abuse is a pervasive issue that can take many forms, including physical, emotional, sexual, and financial abuse, as well as neglect and self-neglect; and

**WHEREAS** abuse of vulnerable adults often goes unreported and unrecognized, making it imperative to educate the public, caregivers, and professionals about the warning signs and reporting mechanisms; and

**WHEREAS** the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Adult Protective Services, local human service agencies, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations are committed to preventing and addressing adult abuse through education, advocacy, and support services; and

**WHEREAS** raising awareness and promoting public engagement are essential to preventing abuse and ensuring that older and vulnerable adults can lead secure and empowered lives within our community; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Charlottesville recognizes the importance of fostering safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for all adults and reaffirms its commitment to protecting the rights and wellbeing of its residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charlottesville City Council proclaims May 2025 as **Adult Abuse Prevention Month** in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia, and we urge all community members to recognize the signs of adult abuse, to support prevention efforts, and to advocate for the protection and empowerment of older and vulnerable adults in our community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Charlottesville commits to supporting efforts to prevent adult abuse, to protect vulnerable adults, and to promote a community where all individuals can live with dignity and respect.

Signed and sealed this 5th day of May 2025.

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Vice Mayor

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Clerk of Council