

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **Restorative Justice Week November 16-22, 2025**

**WHEREAS** Restorative Justice Week begins annually on the third Sunday of November, falling in 2025 on the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** Restorative Justice Week aims to recognize the power and effect of justice based on the restoration of human connection in lieu of retributive and punitive proceedings; and

**WHEREAS** restorative justice is an internationally recognized approach for responding to crime and incidents of harm that provides the opportunity for dialogue between those who have experienced harm, the harm perpetrators, and their community to address the harm and meet the needs of those involved; and

**WHEREAS** Central Virginia Community Justice, serving Charlottesville City and Albemarle County, was established in 2022 to provide space for those involved in harm to lead their own accountability and healing through restorative justice; and

**WHEREAS** Central Virginia Community Justice has supported over 200 individuals through the restorative justice process to address situations of harm in our communities and our schools; and

**WHEREAS** Restorative Justice Week serves as an opportunity for residents to reflect on how our community can find growth, healing, and accountability in restorative approaches to conflict and harm;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Charlottesville City Council does hereby support and observe Restorative Justice Week, November 16-22, 2025, to promote safety and well-being for all City residents, workers and visitors by encouraging the learning and practice of restorative skills of human connection and healing as a means of attaining justice.

Signed and dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk