

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **HONORING JOHN NEAL 2024–25 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS COACH OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS** John Neal has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication as head coach of the Charlottesville High School boys tennis team, transforming a once-struggling program into one of Virginia’s premier high school tennis programs in just seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, under Coach Neal’s guidance, the team achieved a 39–5 record over the past two seasons and earned back-to-back Virginia High School League state championships, including the school’s first state title in 37 years during the 2023–24 season; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of these outstanding accomplishments, John Neal was named Central Virginia Boys Tennis Coach of the Year in 2025 and selected as the 2024–25 National High School Boys Tennis Coach of the Year by the NFHS Coaches Association; and

**WHEREAS** Coach Neal’s recent appointment as Director of Tennis at Charlottesville High School reflects his commitment to excellence and equity, as he now leads and unifies both the boys and girls tennis programs to ensure high-quality coaching and opportunity for all student-athletes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City of Charlottesville hereby recognizes and congratulates John Neal for his extraordinary contributions to student-athletes, scholastic athletics, and the Charlottesville community.

Signed and dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk