CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

Proclamation

OBSERVING
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK
November 15-21, 2026

WHEREAS Restorative Justice Week begins annually every third Sunday of November, and 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 and Albemarle, 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 15-21, 2026**, to promote safety and well-being for all City residents in their communities and schools by encouraging the learning and practicing of restorative skills of human connection and healing as a means of attaining justice.

Signed and sealed the 16th day of November 2026.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk