

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

Dementia Awareness Month May 2026

WHEREAS dementia is a growing public health crisis with more than eleven percent of City of Charlottesville residents over age 65 living with this disorder¹ and approximately fourteen percent of the City's population being over age 65²; and

WHEREAS family caregivers are facing increasing physical, mental, emotional and financial strain; and

WHEREAS the number of people living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia is expected to grow in the coming years as the number of older residents increases; and

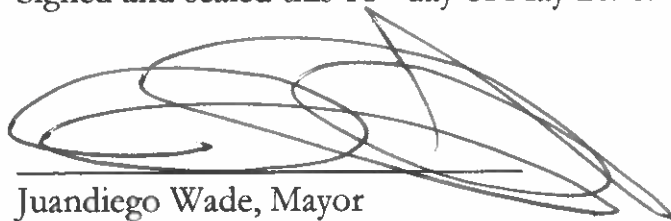
WHEREAS the Charlottesville City Council wants to ensure that the city is welcoming and inclusive to all those impacted by dementia; and

WHEREAS local government, businesses, the faith community, financial institutions, first responders, health care providers, educational institutions, and the residents of the City can make small changes to provide a community in which people living with dementia can continue to be involved, active, respected, valued and understood; and

WHEREAS the Dementia Friendly Central Virginia initiative is dedicated to raising community awareness of dementia and the needs of those living with dementia and their caregivers in our area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the month of May 2026 is **Dementia Awareness Month** in the City of Charlottesville and the Charlottesville City Council recognizes Charlottesville as a **Dementia Friendly Community**, urging all residents to participate in education and awareness programs, to support research and innovation, and to share support and services such as the 1-800-DEMENTIA hotline for taking care of oneself or others.

Signed and sealed this 18th day of May 2026.



Juandiego Wade, Mayor



Kyrna Thomas, Clerk



¹ Dhana et al. (2023)

² US Census Bureau (2026)