WHEREAS energy efficiency is one of the easiest, most affordable, and cleanest ways to meet Charlottesville’s energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

WHEREAS implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help to move Charlottesville toward a sustainable future and reach our climate action goals; and

WHEREAS smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which makes electrification of buildings and transportation more achievable; and

WHEREAS energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

WHEREAS cutting energy waste saves U.S. households billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to $500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

WHEREAS city residents and businesses can continue to contribute to our sustainability and energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in Charlottesville’s Community Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national annual Energy Efficiency Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charlottesville City Council proclaims October 4, 2023, as Energy Efficiency Day in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, and we urge residents and businesses to support clean energy goals that will move our city toward a more energy-efficient and sustainable future.

Signed and sealed this 18th day of September 2023.

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J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor

Attest:

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council