

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

### SOUL OF CVILLE FESTIVAL AUGUST 11-13, 2023

**WHEREAS** Soul of Cville is a celebration of Black excellence and culture in Charlottesville and Albemarle County; and

**WHEREAS** Soul of Cville seeks to reclaim the narrative surrounding some of Charlottesville's darkest days by showcasing and elevating Black voices, art, entrepreneurship, music, food and more; and

**WHEREAS** the Soul of Cville festival returns to Ix Art Park on August 11-13, 2023, with the mission of uniting people from all backgrounds and walks of life; and

**WHEREAS** the free family-friendly festival celebrates Black Culture with activities such as performances, a community mural, a community movie in the park, fashion shows, glow-in-the-dark painting, a youth art exhibit, scholarship giveaway, pop-up roller-skating rink, vendors, and a Black media panel discussion; and

**WHEREAS** the Soul of Cville is a collaborative effort with the Ix Art Park and various Black-owned businesses that seeks to amplify the voices of local artists, performers, and community members;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Charlottesville City Council commemorates the Soul of Cville festival and encourages community members to participate in the wide range of festival activities beginning the evening of August 11 and ending the afternoon of August 13.

Signed and sealed this 7th day of August 2023.

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**J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council**