



Proclamation Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UVA

- WHEREAS,** the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Virginia (OLLI at UVA) Mission Statement reads: Aware that an active mind is as necessary to a full life as are social relationships and physical exercise, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Virginia offers educational opportunities and intellectual enrichment to active adults in the community. The Institute is member-directed and draws upon its members' resources, as well as other academic and community resources, to organize courses and other educational activities. In this stimulating environment, members may acquire new knowledge, explore ideas, exercise creativity, and share interests and expertise with others; and
- WHEREAS,** OLLI at UVA was started by people who came together because of their desire to continue to learn and explore in interaction with other active adults. Olli's founders became aware of other lifelong learning programs from which they could borrow ideas, and the Jefferson Institute for Lifelong Learning (JILL) was organized and began offering courses in February of 2001 and, in 2005, the organization became a University-affiliated foundation; and
- WHEREAS,** OLLI at UVA started with 17 instructors and 98 student participants in 2001 and by the spring of 2011, there were 63 instructors and 684 student participants. In the last several academic years, OLLI at UVA offered 193 courses that were attended by over 2,100 student participants. OLLI at UVA will continue to be a community benefit, offering robust course offerings, exciting trips, and a community of friendly faces; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2020, 2021, and 2022, OLLI at UVA upheld its commitment to providing academic programming through the pandemic, moving all programming online to ensure classes continued, offering social opportunities to enrich community connectedness, and creating special presentations available to the public.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, recognize Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UVA as a valuable resource for our community as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

Signed this 15th day of June 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors