



Proclamation Recognizing the Centennial of the Charlottesville Band

- WHEREAS,** Whereas the Charlottesville Band Mission Statement reads: “We are the Charlottesville Band; local musicians enriching community life through excellence in musical performance and education since 1922 and through our free concerts, varied repertoire, and partnerships, we provide our members and audiences with experiences that entertain, uplift, and inspire”; and
- WHEREAS,** the Municipal Band of Charlottesville was established on August 17, 1922 and, gave its first concert at a park in downtown Charlottesville on August 29, 1922, and since its founding The Band has played hundreds of free concerts at civic functions, patriotic occasions and celebrations including events to honor several Presidents of the United States, as well as the Queen of England; and
- WHEREAS,** since admitting them to the Band in 1957, almost 600 women have played with the Band and Peggy Madison, one of the first eighteen women to join in 1957, continues to play with the Band to this day and the Band has had more than 1,700 musician members and continues to be one of the oldest continually operating community bands in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2020 and 2021, the Band upheld its commitment to a century of free uninterrupted music, playing through the pandemic with its ensembles performing at safely distanced outdoor concerts in the summer and with the full Band performing a December Holiday concert in downtown Charlottesville; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2021, The Municipal Band of Charlottesville changed its name to “The Charlottesville Band” to reflect its standing as an independent band.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, recognizes the Charlottesville Band as a valued resource for our community as it celebrates its Centennial.

Signed this 4th day of May 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors