

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

HONORARY STREET NAME:

HEATHER HEYER WAY

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2017, Ms. Heather D. Heyer was struck down by a vehicle near the corner of 4th Street and Water Street in Downtown Charlottesville, while exercising her peaceful First Amendment right to speech. The terror attack that resulted in Ms. Heyer's death, and serious injuries to dozens more, shocked our community and touched the heart and soul of not only Charlottesville, but the entire country; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2017, the City Council expressed an interest in memorializing Ms. Heyer by designating a portion of 4th Street, SE and NE, from East Water Street to East Market Street as Heather Heyer Way; and

WHEREAS, the City's honorary street name policy recognizes individuals that have made an important and lasting contribution to the City of Charlottesville or represent a key part of its history; this honorary designation pays tribute to Ms. Heyer's dedication to justice, fairness, equal rights for all and positive social change; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her death, Ms. Heyer was a paralegal in a local law firm; her family has established the Heather D. Heyer Foundation to honor her memory. Donations received by the foundation will be used to provide scholarships to individuals that are interested in positive social change;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Signer of Charlottesville, Virginia do hereby proclaim that 4th Street, SE and NE between East Water Street and East Market Street shall bear the honorary name *Heather Heyer Way*.

Signed and sealed this 20th day of December 2017.

Michael Signer
Mayor, City of Charlottesville