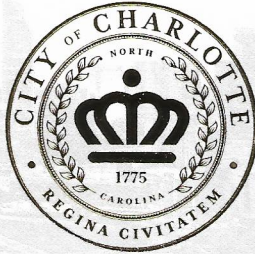


The City of Charlotte



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ST. ANTHONY FOUNDATION OF CHARLOTTE was founded in Charlotte by Dr. Vincent Voci in 2006. It annually hosts FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte: an Italian festival with two equally significant missions—cultural and humanitarian.

WHEREAS, for over 20 years, FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte has impacted the Charlotte community with all the net proceeds going to Nevins Inc of Charlotte, who for 67years has helped thousands with intellectual or physical disabilities in our community.

WHEREAS, FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte celebrates its 21st anniversary in 2026 as one of Charlotte’s oldest Italian Cultural and Heritage events and a cherished spring tradition, welcoming guests from across the region to the center of our iconic city; and

WHEREAS, FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte exemplifies community spirit through the enthusiastic support of philanthropy, civic engagement, sponsorship and community partnership that make the event possible and offering contributions that reflect the character and generosity of the community; and

WHEREAS, FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte continues its mission to impact the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, partnering with Nevins Inc. of Charlotte, to impact the livelihood of disabled people; and

WHEREAS, FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte promotes Italian culture and cuisine with the generous donated help of many local and international companies, professional chefs, and performers. The FESTA welcomes guests of all ages and backgrounds to experience one of Charlotte’s most benevolent events; and

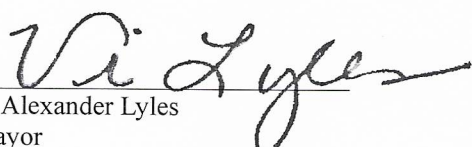
WHEREAS, FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte embodies what makes Charlotte exceptional though its commitment to community, culture, humanities, and the enduring power of community coming together across generations and cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Lyles, Mayor of the City of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 17, 2026, as

“FESTA ITALIANA Charlotte Day”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.


Vi Alexander Lyles
Mayor