

## Proclamation Recognizing Financial Literacy Awareness Month

- WHEREAS financial literacy is essential to the economic health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities, empowering people to make informed decisions about budgeting, saving, investing, and managing debt; and
- **WHEREAS** promoting financial literacy equips individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve financial security, build generational wealth, and prepare for unforeseen financial challenges; and
- **WHEREAS** April is recognized nationwide as Financial Literacy Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to raise awareness, foster education, and encourage conversations about personal finance and economic empowerment; and
- WHEREAS businesses, schools, community organizations, and government entities in Albemarle County are actively engaged in providing programs and initiatives that foster financial education for residents of all ages, helping to address issues of economic disparity, promote responsible financial decision-making, and enhance overall community stability; and
- WHEREAS Albemarle County recognizes the importance of financial literacy in supporting local economic growth, homeownership, and small business success, ensuring that all residents have the tools to thrive financially and contribute to the well-being of the county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Financial Literacy Awareness Month, and encourage all residents to engage in financial education opportunities, take steps toward improving their financial literacy, and support initiatives that promote financial empowerment in our community.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

Jim H. Andrews, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors