



## Proclamation Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day

**WHEREAS,** Virginia is home to 11 state-recognized Indian tribes: the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division, Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Tribe, Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, Rappahannock Tribe, and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the Monacan Indian Nation and the Saponi Indians are believed to be the indigenous stewards of present day Albemarle County; and

**WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples' unique and valuable legacy has largely been treated as a footnote in history, taught insofar as it relates to the eventual European colonization; and

**WHEREAS,** racial integrity laws disrupted the continuity of the history of Indian tribes in Virginia, erasing a part of our collective history, and prevented American Indians from attaining public education in the state until 1963; and

**WHEREAS,** Albemarle County recognizes the vast contributions made to our community and our country through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, science, governance, philosophy, arts, and culture;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, honor and celebrate October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples Day, and continue to affirm our commitment to telling a more comprehensive and inclusive history of our whole community and creating a more equitable and inclusive Albemarle County for all our members.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021

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Ned Gallaway, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors