



PROCLAMATION

April 3 – 9, 2016 as Local Government Education Week and the month of April as Local Government Month

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, economically-resilient, and engaged communities; and

WHEREAS, in celebration and appreciation of the work performed by local governments, the National Association of Counties recognizes April as National County Government Month and the Virginia General Assembly designated the first week in April as Local Government Education Week in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County takes great pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, Albemarle County provides public health, justice, emergency management and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents' daily health to disaster response; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County encourages active and meaningful community engagement in local government activities through partnerships like the Community Advisory Committees, Neighborhood Leadership Summit and Learning Series, and community policy groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 3 – 9, 2016 **Local Government Education Week** and the month of April as **Local Government Month**. The Board of Supervisors encourages all County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in the promotion of civic education and engagement in an effort to educate citizens about their local government, strengthen the sense of community, and engage the next generation of local government managers.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of April 2016.

Liz Palmer, Chair
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors