



Proclamation Recognizing Women's History Month

WHEREAS, Women's History Week originated in the United States in 1978, launched in California during the week of International Women's Day, and the movement spread across the country; and

WHEREAS, A consortium of women's groups and historians successfully lobbied for national recognition of the week honoring women's contributions to American history, until the first Presidential proclamation was issued by Jimmy Carter in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week until Congress passed a law in 1987 designating March of each year as Women's History Month, and authorized each President thereafter to issue an annual proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County honors all the women, past and present, from our county, commonwealth and country whose invaluable contributions are often not recognized or recorded, and whose determination and leadership positively impacts our lives every day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby acknowledge and commemorate the month of March 2024 as Women's History Month, with special recognition of the women who diligently lead our County to a brighter future for all.

Signed this 6th day of March 2024

Jim H. Andrews, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors