



Proclamation Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, May 2024 marks the 47th anniversary of the first submitted resolution to recognize the contributions and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, May 2024 marks the 32nd anniversary of the federal recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, present-day inequities faced by Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are rooted in our nation's history of exclusion, discrimination, racism, and xenophobia; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are a vital part of our community's history, making important contributions to the cultural, civic, and economic life of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize and celebrate May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourage our community to observe this month by learning more about our collective history to create a more inclusive and equitable future for us all.

Signed this 15th day of May 2024

Jim H. Andrews, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors