



Proclamation Celebrating Black History Month

WHEREAS, Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, originated in 1926 to recognize the heritage and achievements of Black people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, observing Black History Month provides us with opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of the centuries of struggles against systemic oppression in the search for equality and freedom, and calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, as illustrated by the Albemarle County Equity Profile, Albemarle County has imperfectly progressed towards its mission of enhancing the well-being of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, even as we celebrate the wisdom of past civil rights leaders and community builders this month and everyday, we also recognize the importance of continuing to invest in building up a future generation of leaders who will help us reach our founding ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, celebrate Black History Month and encourage our community to observe this month by acknowledging the challenges faced by Black Americans, by paying tribute to this community for its strength, perseverance, character, and contributions—all of which continue to enrich our lives, and by using the lessons of the past to create a more inclusive and equitable future for us all.

Signed this 2nd day of February 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors