



## **Proclamation**

### **THE BIG READ 2016: "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers**

**WHEREAS**, THE BIG READ is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture and provides our citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library invites all book lovers to participate in THE BIG READ that will be held throughout March 2016. The Library's goal is to encourage all residents of Central Virginia to read and discuss "THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER" by Carson McCullers; and

**WHEREAS**, the novel tells a dramatic story of poverty and racism in a 1930s Georgia mill town, and explores themes such as isolation and deaf culture; and

**WHEREAS**, THE BIG READ is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest; and is supported by the Art and Jane Hess Fund of the Library Endowment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Liz Palmer, Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, proclaim THE BIG READ during March 2016 and encourage all residents to read "THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER" during this time.

**Signed and sealed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.**

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Liz Palmer, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors