



Resolution of Appreciation for Mark Graham

WHEREAS, Mark Graham has faithfully served the County of Albemarle for over 20 years, serving in multiple roles, including Senior Civil Engineer, Senior Project Manager and Director in the Department of Engineering and Public Works before his appointment as Director of Community Development in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mark provided steady and motivational leadership throughout the consolidation of the departments of Engineering and Public Works, Planning & Community Development and Building & Zoning Services into the new Department of Community Development thus creating a “one-stop shop” which significantly improved overall customer service while at the same time leading the launch of a new permit and application tracking software; and

WHEREAS, Mark led the Community Development Department in its inspired work to better plan for the community’s future needs through adoption of the AIA award winning Neighborhood Model and a modernized Subdivision Ordinance, and guided staff through numerous process improvement efforts including the Development Initiatives Steering Committee (DISC) and the legislative process improvement initiative; and

WHEREAS, Mark supported and contributed to myriad policy, planning and project efforts to implement Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan strategies to enhance the quality of life for people in Albemarle County, including the Rio/29 Grade Separated Intersection, numerous master plans and area studies and dozens of legislative amendments; and

WHEREAS, Mark sets himself apart as a visionary for the exemplary way he conveys a broad community perspective, often anticipating future trends and conditions while also exemplifying attributes of a true servant-leader - supporting others to do their best work while demonstrating authenticity, honesty, adaptability, respectfulness, and a positive spirit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors that Mark Graham is hereby honored and commended for his many years of exceptional service to the County of Albemarle, the Department of Community Development, Albemarle County residents, the broader community in which we live, and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia with knowledge that Albemarle County is strengthened and distinguished by Mark’s dedication, commitment, professionalism and compassion in meeting community needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors as a lasting, visible testament to the esteem in which Mark is held by this Board and previous Boards for his lasting legacy of community service and the tangible results from his work to make Albemarle County better for future generations.

Signed this 17th day of July 2019

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors