

Proclamation Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

- **WHEREAS,** May 2023 marks the 46th anniversary of the first submitted resolution to recognize the contributions and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and
- **WHEREAS,** May 2023 marks the 31st 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 2023 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 17th day of May 2023.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors