



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 AS THE 20th ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 observance of March for Meals celebrates 20 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering, and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in Albemarle County has served our community admirably for 44 years, serving 322 homebound citizens and delivering 66,720 home-delivered meals in 2021, and volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program in Albemarle County have provided nutritious meals to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and others throughout Albemarle County that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in Albemarle County provides a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors and other homebound citizens to help combat loneliness and isolation and deserves recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to provide to local communities, our State, and our Nation long after it is over.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize March 2022 as the 20th Annual March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor the Meals on Wheels program, the seniors and other disable citizens they serve, and the volunteers who care for them.

Signed this 16th day of March 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors