

## Proclamation Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month is a time for commemorating the history, contributions, and cultures of the diverse population of Jewish Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** the Jewish community has played an important role in shaping, advancing, and enriching the fabric of Albemarle County ever since the first Jewish family settled in Albemarle County in 1757; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans, due to their own long history of persecution, have often found common cause with movements working to expand civil rights, liberty, and human dignity for all; and

**WHEREAS,** the Jewish American experience has always been held together by the forces of hope, resilience, and striving for a better tomorrow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize and celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month and renew our dedication to the work of building a fully inclusive tomorrow, one where a great diversity of origins is not only accepted but also celebrated here at home and around the world.

Signed this 17th day of May 2023

Donna Price, Chair Albemarle Board of County Supervisors