



Proclamation Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, November 2023 marks the 33rd anniversary of National American Indian Heritage Month (also known as Native American Heritage Month) being federally recognized; and

WHEREAS, Since time immemorial, Native Americans have been active stewards of North American land; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Island communities to ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation; and

WHEREAS, the Monacan Indian Nation is known to be the indigenous stewards of present-day Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, through the resilience and perseverance of the Monacan Indian Nation maintaining their culture and traditions for centuries and ensuring the continuity of their long history, the Monacan Indian Nation was recognized by the state of Virginia in 1989, and received federal recognition in 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize November as Native American Heritage Month, and extend our further commitment to strengthen relationships with the Monacan Indian Nation to create a more equitable and inclusive community.

Signed this 1st day of November 2023.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors