



PROCLAMATION VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK

WHEREAS, the County of Albemarle believes that literacy is critical to active and engaged citizenship and is committed to promoting reading, writing, and storytelling for all, both within and outside its borders; and

WHEREAS, reading stimulates the creative and intellectual growth of individuals while also building community through shared experiences, discourse, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK, with events presented locally and live-streamed, draws attendees and attention to Albemarle County from around the globe while providing most programs free of charge to attendees and offering greater accessibility through closed-captions, recap videos, and transcripts; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK brings diverse authors from across the state and around the nation to convene in Albemarle County, Virginia, sharing their stories and inspiring our county's citizens to share theirs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Humanities, the Virginia Center for the Book, the University of Virginia, local businesses and schools, and cultural and civic organizations collaborate with the VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK to connect with one another through reading, foster empathy for the stories of others, and promote literacy for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023
AS THE
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK**

and encourage community members to participate fully in the wide range of available programs and activities.

Signed this 15th day of March 2023.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors