



Proclamation in Celebration of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

WHEREAS, Albemarle County's stated mission is to enhance the well-being and quality of life for all citizens through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is committed to supporting through its actions and its partnerships the promotion of an equitable and inclusive Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, Governor Northam signed the Virginia Values Act, comprised of 16 pro-equality bills, into law, making history as Virginia became the first state in the South to protect LGBTQ people from discrimination in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Values Act:

- bans discrimination against LGBT people in employment, housing, and public spaces
- allows cities and counties to pass their own non-discrimination ordinances
- prohibits health insurance companies from discriminating against transgender Virginians
- ensures public schools provide an equal learning environment to transgender students; and more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors continue to affirm our commitment to our stated mission to enhance the well-being and quality of life of all the members of our community, and recognize with pride the rich cultural diversity and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) residents to the vibrant Albemarle County.

Signed this 17th day of June 2020

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors