

Proclamation Recognizing May as Older Americans Month

- **WHEREAS,** Albemarle County includes a growing number of older Americans, currently 19.7 percent of the population, who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community; and
- **WHEREAS,** our community benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and
- **WHEREAS,** the theme of Older Americans' Month is "Aging Unbound," recognizing the importance of:
 - Not limiting our thinking about aging,
 - Exploring and combating stereotypes,
 - Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging,
 - Inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and
 - Embracing our community's diversity; and
- **WHEREAS,** Albemarle County recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how they age.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize May 2023 as Older Americans Month and urge everyone to celebrate our older residents, help to create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging.

Signed this 3rd day of May 2023.

Donna Price, Chair Albemarle Board of County Supervisors