



**Proclamation Recognizing
October 5-14, 2018 as Virginia Artisan Week
and
October 2018 as Virginia Artisan Month**

WHEREAS, the culture of the Virginia artisan inspires appreciative audiences for its unique work and distinctive way of life; and

WHEREAS, the production and use of handmade arts and artisan agricultural products invoke an intimate lifelong relationship of value and appreciation for the work of highly skilled individuals; and

WHEREAS, the state of Virginia currently hosts 27 community-connected and developing artisan trails representing 34 counties and 7 cities across the Commonwealth that are strengthening our economy through a connective community Artisan Trail Network; and,

WHEREAS, artisans and agricultural artisans contribute to strong local and creative economies and are integrated into every aspect of life in Virginia -- strengthening the economy, enriching civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children;

WHEREAS, the Monticello Artisan Trail, the partnership of Albemarle and Nelson Counties and Charlottesville was the first in the state and has increased the success of its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize the week of **October 5 - 14, 2018** as **American Craft Week** and all of October, 2018, as **Virginia Artisan Month** and encourage all citizens to join in local festivals and events and to visit your neighborhood artisan studio.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of October, 2018.

Ann H. Mallek, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors