



## **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 2022 VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK as a hybrid event, with events presented locally and through online platforms, draws attendees and attention to Albemarle County from around the globe, while providing all programs but one free of charge to attendees, and offering greater accessibility through closed-captions, recap videos, and transcripts; 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 explore the world 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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022  
AS THE  
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK**

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

**Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022.**

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Donna Price, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors