



## Proclamation Recognizing September 15, 2024 as International Day of Democracy

**WHEREAS,** the United Nations observes the 15<sup>th</sup> of September as the International Day of Democracy with the purpose of promoting the principles of democracy and to commemorate the day in a manner that contributes to raising public awareness of Universal Human Rights; and

**WHEREAS,** the Universal Declaration of Human Rights emphasizes that the will of the people is the basis for the authority of government; and

**WHEREAS,** political and public participation rights are crucial to the advancement of all human rights and are essential for: democratic governance, the rule of law, social inclusion, and economic empowerment of individuals and groups to eliminate discrimination and marginalization, supporting peacefully assemble and association, enjoying freedom of opinion and expression, and having access to information and education; and

**WHEREAS,** the International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of our democracy, promote its principles for the protection and effective realization of human rights, and create an environment for greater citizen participation, equality, security, and development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize and celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 as International Day of Democracy to remind us of, and exhort our continuing protection of, the governing principles by which the freely expressed will of the people is exercised and respected in this great country.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024

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Jim H. Andrews, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors