



Proclamation Celebrating Women's History Month

WHEREAS, Women's History Month, celebrated during the month of March, originated in 1987 to recognize the heritage and achievements of women; and

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, the United States has welcomed women immigrants and refugees from around the world who have contributed to all areas of society and whose knowledge, skills, and abilities have laid the foundation for a more robust workforce and a more prosperous economy; and

WHEREAS, almost 50% of the 26.6 million refugees worldwide are women and girls who face unique challenges during the displacement and resettlement process because of their gender identity, including the threat of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, if fully harnessed, the economic power of refugee women could contribute \$1.4 trillion to the annual global GDP; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County continues to welcome and support refugee members in our community, not only because their contributions improve the quality of life for all of us, but because we strive to live up to our ideal of creating an inclusive community for all regardless of what they can do for us in return.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby acknowledge and celebrate Women's History Month 2022, with a special recognition of the challenges that the women and girl refugee members in our community face and overcome, and we recommit to building an equitable and inclusive society where even our most vulnerable members can thrive.

Signed this 2nd day of March 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors