

## Proclamation Recognizing April as Fair Housing Month

- **WHEREAS,** April 2022 marks the 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Civil Rights Fair Housing Act; and
- **WHEREAS,** this Act provides for equal housing opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability as well as to ensure fair practice in the sale, rental, or financing of property; and
- WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 added new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, and strengthened its enforcement procedures to affirmatively further housing choices, to eliminate legal barriers to equal housing and to emphasize equal housing as a fundamental human right for all; and
- WHEREAS, individuals in Virginia have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status, disability, source of funds, sexual orientation, gender identity, or military status; and
- WHEREAS, Albemarle County supports the intent and purpose of the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Virginia Fair Housing Law, and follows policies and practices in order to achieve their goals.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby support equal housing opportunity and seek to affirmatively further fair housing not only during Fair Housing Month in April, but throughout the year.

Signed this 6th day of April 2022.

Donna Price, Chair Albemarle Board of County Supervisors