



Resolution of Appreciation for Douglas C. Walker

WHEREAS, Doug Walker has been a highly-regarded professional local government manager with more than 33 years of experience in five different localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and has faithfully served the County of Albemarle for ten of those years, first as an Assistant County Executive before being promoted to Deputy County Executive, and also serving as the Interim County Executive in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker has provided leadership and management support for a variety of functional areas of community services including police, fire rescue, social services, economic development, housing, community development; he served as the principal liaison for local, regional, and state agencies and non-profit organizations that provide direct programs and services to the citizens of Albemarle County, including the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail Board, the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center Commission, the Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle Emergency Communications Center; and served as past president of the Virginia Local Government Management Association, and an active member of the International City/County Management Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker recruited and onboarded new leaders in key departments; facilitated the County's role in several public-private partnership agreements for transformative land use projects, including the Woolen Mills/Willow Tree adaptive re-use project, the Southwood Mobile Home Park redevelopment, and the Barnes Lumber mixed-use redevelopment in Crozet; as well as facilitating numerous public policy initiatives, including Housing Albemarle, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and established Albemarle's first Economic Development Office, local emergency management function, and human services function; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker provided leadership during critical public safety incidents, particularly the County's emergency operations during August 2017 and August 2018; the sustained, multi-year response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and the removal of the At Ready Statue at Court Square – by ensuring the incident management team had clear goals and work plans over operational periods that met critical needs while maintaining County operations and ensuring that the Board of Supervisors, the staff, and the community had the information needed to remain safe; and

WHEREAS, as an exceptional local government professional who has consistently provided the highest level of dedicated, ethical, and valuable service, Doug has been indispensable to the County government and the epitome of a true public servant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and commends Doug Walker for his many years of exceptional service to the County of Albemarle, Albemarle County residents, the broader community in which we live, and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia with knowledge that Albemarle County is strengthened and distinguished by Doug's dedication, commitment, and professionalism in meeting County government and community needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors as a lasting, visible testament to the esteem in which Doug is held by this and previous Boards for his enduring legacy of local government service and the tangible results from his work to make Albemarle County better for future generations.

Signed this 19th day of July 2023.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors