



Proclamation in Honor of Virginia Organizing's 20th Anniversary

WHEREAS, *Virginia Organizing is a non-partisan statewide grassroots organization that is dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives, especially those who have traditionally had little or no voice in our society, and*

WHEREAS, *the organization encourages individuals and groups throughout the Commonwealth and in local communities to bring about change by working together and building relationships, and the organization also believes in the enhancement and celebration of diversity in our communities and in our state, and*

WHEREAS, *among Virginia Organizing's Statement of Beliefs is the belief that all people should be treated fairly and with dignity in all aspects of life, regardless of race, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, ability or country of origin, and*

WHEREAS, *Virginia Organizing held its first meeting at the Northside Library in Albemarle County on August 19, 1995, and in August of 2015, Virginia Organizing is celebrating 20 years of grassroots organizing and bringing about real change for real people through countless campaigns to improve the quality of life for all Virginians,*

WHEREAS, *Virginia Organizing has worked with the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and other officials in Albemarle County on a variety of community issues,*

NOW, THEREFORE, BT IT RESOLVED, *that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, PROCLAIM that the 19th day of August, 2015, is*

VIRGINIA ORGANIZING DAY

in the County of Albemarle and we encourage others to learn about and support this organization in its efforts.

Signed and Sealed this 8th day of July, 2015

Jane D. Dittmar, Chair

Albemarle Board of County Supervisors