CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
TO
JOAN BIENVENUE AND THE UVA APPLIED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, Albemarle County places significant value on the overwhelming importance of our region's national defense installations as critical contributors to the overall safety and security of the United States and its citizens both domestically and around the world; and

WHEREAS, The County also appreciates the many positive direct impacts to our community resulting from a vibrant and energetic defense industry presence including quality jobs, internships/mentorships, volunteer and charitable partnerships, and increased economic vitality, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Our regional national defense and intelligence community is strengthened and supported when leaders from government, academia and industry are brought together specifically to focus on critical challenges and to develop a coherent, coordinated approach to those challenges; and

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia's Applied Research Institute, under the leadership of Director Joan Bienvenue, inaugurated the annual Conference on National Defense and Intelligence in 2014 at the University and Rivanna Station to serve as a convening platform for these critical conversations; and

WHEREAS, June 10 – 12, 2018, will mark the fifth year of this very successful and productive conference, helping our region stay in the national and international forefront of efforts to build resilience and partnership in the interests of national security.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors would like to express our sincere appreciation to Ms. Bienvenue and the UVA Applied Research Institute for your vision and energetic leadership in establishing and continuing to develop and grow this very important event in support of the national defense industry and thank you for the many positive benefits it brings to our region.

Signed this 4th day of April 2018.

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Ann H. Mallek, Chair
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors