



**Proclamation Recognizing  
October 5-14, 2018 as Virginia Artisan Week  
and  
October 2018 as Virginia Artisan Month**

**WHEREAS,** the culture of the Virginia artisan inspires appreciative audiences for its unique work and distinctive way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** the production and use of handmade arts and artisan agricultural products invoke an intimate lifelong relationship of value and appreciation for the work of highly skilled individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** the state of Virginia currently hosts 27 community-connected and developing artisan trails representing 34 counties and 7 cities across the Commonwealth that are strengthening our economy through a connective community Artisan Trail Network; and,

**WHEREAS,** artisans and agricultural artisans contribute to strong local and creative economies and are integrated into every aspect of life in Virginia -- strengthening the economy, enriching civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children;

**WHEREAS,** the Monticello Artisan Trail, the partnership of Albemarle and Nelson Counties and Charlottesville was the first in the state and has increased the success of its members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize the week of **October 5 - 14, 2018** as **American Craft Week** and all of October, 2018, as **Virginia Artisan Month** and encourage all citizens to join in local festivals and events and to visit your neighborhood artisan studio.

Signed and sealed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018.

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Ann H. Mallek, Chair  
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors