



Resolution of Recognition of March 3rd as Liberation Day

WHEREAS, the County of Albemarle, in keeping with the core principles of our great United States of America, believes that all persons are created equal and possess unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, an emancipating declaration that: on the first day of January, in the year 1863, all persons held as slaves shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and

WHEREAS, on the third day of March, in the year 1865, the liberation of the estimated 14,000 enslaved persons in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area was enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the enduring cultural and historical significance of emancipation, acknowledges the universally cherished values of liberty and justice, and emphasizes our common humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize March 3, 2019 as Liberation Day.

Signed this 6th day of March, 2019

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors