



PROCLAMATION VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK

WHEREAS, Albemarle County believes that literacy is critical to active and engaged citizenship, and is committed to promoting reading, writing, and storytelling within and outside its borders; and

WHEREAS, reading stimulates the creative and intellectual growth of individuals, while also building community through shared experiences and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the **VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK** draws attendees, authors, illustrators, and publishing professionals from the region, the Commonwealth, other states, and indeed the world, serving as an economically significant event for this area, while providing the majority of programs free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Humanities, the Virginia Center for the Book, the University of Virginia, local businesses and schools, as well as cultural and civic organizations collaborate with the **VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK** to explore the world through reading, foster empathy for the stories of others, and promote literacy for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020
AS THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK**

and encourage community members to participate fully in the wide range of available programs and activities.

Signed this 4th day of March 2020.

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors