



PROCLAMATION VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK

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

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

WHEREAS, the **2021 VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK** as an all-virtual event draws attendees and attention to Albemarle County from around the globe, while providing all programs free of charge to attendees and offering greater accessibility through live-captions; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Humanities, the Virginia Center for the Book, the University of Virginia, local businesses and schools, and 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; and

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

**AS THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK**

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

Signed this 3rd day of March 2021.

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors