



Proclamation Recognizing Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson was born in Albemarle County on April 13, 1743; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, as part of their Community Remembrance Project, have committed to sharing an inclusive history of our County—including the stories that have been traditionally left out of the dominant narrative; and

WHEREAS, we want to commemorate Thomas Jefferson's birthday as the third president of the United States, the author of the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statue of Religious Freedom, and the father of the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, we want to express gratitude for the immense contributions Thomas Jefferson made to our community and to our country while also holding space for the harm he caused the Black community in Albemarle County, including the people enslaved at Monticello and elsewhere and their descendants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize the vast and complex legacy of Thomas Jefferson and affirm our commitment to celebrating an inclusive history of our community.

Signed this 7th day of April 2021.

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors