



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WORK TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL BROADBAND ACCESS

WHEREAS, broadband access is an essential service for full participation in our economy, an important tool for building community and social connection, a lifeline for accessing public safety and telehealth services, and increasingly essential to access government services and educational opportunities, and that many rural areas of Albemarle County have never had adequate broadband access; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County has been dedicated to achieving universal broadband access for Two decades, pursuing opportunities to expand broadband through strategic investments and public-private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Office at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development established and implemented the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative, which led to the creation of the Albemarle Broadband Authority and the development of Albemarle County's Broadband Plan; and

WHEREAS, through the leadership of the Board of Supervisors, County staff, and the Authority, and with the support of community organizations and elected and appointed officials, and in partnership with broadband providers, Albemarle County invested in \$1.3M of general fund appropriations in broadband expansion, and netted more than \$60M in state, federal, and private funding to deliver broadband to nearly 11,000 locations; and

WHEREAS, the recently awarded federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program sets in motion a plan that will connect the fewer than 500 remaining unserved locations in Albemarle County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do here by commend all of the contributors to this decades-long effort, and recognize the tremendous accomplishments of our partners to bring the County to the doorstep of universal broadband access.

Signed this 10th day of December 2025.

Jim H. Andrews, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors