



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

WHEREAS, October 4-10, 2026, is National 4-H Week in the United States, and more than 1,800 students aged 5 to 19 are involved in 4-H in Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Cooperative Extension System conducts 4-H programs through the state land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State, with the mission to help young people acquire knowledge, develop skills, and form attitudes which will help them become self-directed, productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, 4-H addresses issues facing youth wherever they live – in inner cities, suburbs, and rural communities and helps break barriers by focusing on learning-by-doing, building self-esteem, leadership, and citizenship skills, and focuses on critical issues such as protecting the environment; and, provide programs on food and nutrition, science and technology, natural resources, substance abuse prevention, animal and plant sciences, career education, community pride, citizenship, and leadership.

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

Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10, 2026, as

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and encourage community youth and families to participate fully in the wide range of available programs and activities Albemarle/Charlottesville 4-H provides.

Signed this 7th day of October 2026.

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors