Proclamation Observing Restorative Justice Week

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice Week begins annually every third Sunday of November, falling on November 15 through 21 in 2026, and aims to recognize the power and effect of justice based on the restoration of human connection in lieu of retributive and punitive proceedings; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice is an internationally recognized approach for responding to crime and incidents of harm that provides the opportunity for dialogue between those who have experienced harm, the harm perpetrators, and their community to address the harm and meet the needs of those involved; and

WHEREAS, Central Virginia Community Justice, serving Charlottesville & Albemarle, was established in 2022 to provide space for those involved in harm to lead their own accountability and healing through restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, Central Virginia Community Justice has supported over 200 individuals through the restorative justice process to address situations of harm in our communities and our schools; and

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice Week serves as an opportunity for residents to reflect on how our community can find growth, healing, and accountability in restorative approaches to conflict and harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby support and observe Restorative Justice Week, November 15-21, 2026, to promote safety and well-being for all County residents in their communities and schools by encouraging the learning and practicing of restorative skills of human connection and healing as a means of attaining justice.

Signed this 18th day of November 2026.

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Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors