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**IN HONOR OF VIRGINIA'S BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH
ORANGE COUNTY SAYS, "THANK YOU" TO OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

Orange, Virginia – During the month of May, Virginia will acknowledge its existing business community and the pivotal role it plays in strengthening the Commonwealth and building the new Virginia economy in a month-long celebration.

Orange County Economic Development would like to personally say **THANK YOU** to, and honor all of, the accomplishments of our existing businesses; entrepreneurs; small, minority and women-owned businesses; and the major employers that contribute greatly to Orange County and the Commonwealth of Virginia's economic vitality and the well-being of our citizens. Phil Geer, Economic Development Director, noted, "We sincerely appreciate each and every one of the businesses who have chosen to operate here in Orange County. Our door is always open and we are more than willing to lend a helping hand in making your business prosper. Your success is the backbone of Orange County!"

The Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the Towns of Gordonsville and Orange, and the County of Orange appreciate the many contributions made by the entire business community, which in turn, together, make Orange County a wonderful place to live and work.

To show our appreciation, we invite all businesses and industries of Orange County to join us at the annual Business and Industry Appreciation Picnic on Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Honah Lee Vineyard. Register for the event by emailing finance@orangevachamber.com.

Is there an Orange County business you want to thank or show appreciation for this month? Please use hashtags #VABiz and #thinkorangeva on social media to share your story about Business Appreciation Month!

For more information about Business Appreciation Month in Orange County, VA please contact Rose Deal at (540) 672-1238 or rdeal@orangecountyva.gov.



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