



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-75

Global Diversity Awareness Month

WHEREAS, after the Second World War, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, this represents the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are inherently entitled; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we remember and understand the value of each human being, regardless of their nationality, color, race, sex, gender, country of origin, language, or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, we live in a multicultural society, and embracing the values of various cultures only strengthens our understanding and appreciation of the world; and

WHEREAS, the more the world becomes a place where cultures and customs come together, there is an opportunity to learn from each other by being aware of the value of each person and culture; and

WHEREAS, research consistently shows that we learn more from people who are different from us than we do from those who are similar to us; and

WHEREAS, during October, Global Diversity Awareness Month reminds us of the positive impact a diverse workforce of men and women can have on society; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate Global Diversity Awareness Month and pay tribute to the diverse minds and beliefs held by all cultures around the world. Though we may differ in our languages, race, values, politics, religion, and philosophies, we are all, in the end, members of humankind. Our common humanity is the first step in the celebration of our differences.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as **Global Diversity Awareness Month** in Charles County and ask residents to open their minds to new views and ideas, appreciate cultural differences, and enjoy a fresh perspective of others.

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