



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2024-80

### Child Health Day and Month

**WHEREAS**, Child Health Day was first celebrated by a proclamation presented by Calvin Coolidge on May 1, 1928 on May 1, and later moved to the first Monday in October in 1960; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) designated October as Child Health Month to increase public awareness of the value of preventive health care for children.

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of Charles County, and it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Child Health Day and Child Health Month is to educate the community about the importance of prenatal and newborn care, regular doctor visits, healthy eating and physical activity, and preventing and treating illnesses and injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for comprehensive, coordinated health services for children, youth, young adults, and families' places is a critical responsibility for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charles County Department of Health, through its unique approach to serving children, youth, and young adults, is effectively caring for their health needs and their families in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charles County Department of Health, The Charles County Public Schools, the Charles County Branch of the NAACP, the American Heart Association and other community partners are working together to ensure our children have heart healthy food at home, in schools, and in restaurants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2024 as **Child Health Day** and October 2024 as **Child Health Month** in Charles County and urge our residents, local agencies and organizations to take an interest to meet every child's health needs and promote the fundamental necessity of year-round health and wellness programs and activities for children, youth, and young adults and their families.

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