



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-81

National Bullying Prevention Month

WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Month is a time to educate and bring awareness about the harmful effects that bullying has on kids and adults and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control in 2019, bullied students and adults have an increased risk of mental health issues such as depression or anxiety which can lead to sleep problems that impact their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Education Statistics discovered that one in five kids between the ages of 12-18 years old have been bullied during the school year; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-defamation League concluded that people are less likely to report an incident of bullying as they get older; and

WHEREAS, bullying is physical; verbal; sexual; and emotional attacks or intimidation that is intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods; playgrounds; schools; workplace and through technology such as on the internet, cell phones, and social media platforms which is known as cyberbullying; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying and cyberbullying are more likely to experience physical, emotional and learning problems, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear riding the bus, going to school and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Bullying theme for 2024 is "Choose Respect"; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Commissioners encourage the community to help educate and raise awareness about bullying prevention and supports Unity Day on October 16, 2024 by building commUNITY through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent bullying.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as **National Bullying Prevention Month** in Charles County and encourage residents to wear orange throughout the month of October to support the prevention of bullying.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND



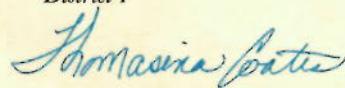
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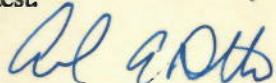


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