



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2024-85

### PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS AND REMEMBRANCE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, in 1988 Congress designated October as Pregnancy and infant Loss Awareness Month to recognize the grief experienced by parents who have lost children due to miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, birth defects, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and other causes; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in 2024 is, "Light Up the Night" which aims to create a wave of light across the world by lighting candles in memory of lost babies to connect people in shared remembrance and hope; and

**WHEREAS**, this devastating tragedy often occurs suddenly, without warning, as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, accident, or other causes or complications; and

**WHEREAS**, each year 1 in 4 pregnancies ends in tragedy including countless miscarriages; more than 21,000 babies are still born and another 21,000 do not live to see their first birthday and this devastating tragedy often occurs suddenly, without warning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charles County Commissioners recognize the importance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness and Remembrance Month to bring awareness to the residents of Charles County so that they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes, if possible, of these deaths.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as **PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS AND REMEMBRANCE MONTH** in Charles County and encourage all residents to become educated in opportunities to prevent pregnancy and infant loss and support bereaved families when prevention is not possible.



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