



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-88

National Hospice, Palliative, and Home Care Month

WHEREAS, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to more than five million Americans annually, especially in times of community or personal health care crisis; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of Americans want to age in place, and home care is the preferred method of health care delivery among the disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as long as they possibly can; and

WHEREAS, home care services allow families to stay together, and provide for greater health, dignity and comfort in our communities; and

WHEREAS, home care in the U.S. is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, two million everyday heroes – including home care nurses, therapists, and aides – will travel almost billion miles to deliver care and worked tirelessly to provide professional support to millions of Americans in need of quality health services; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for our nation's disabled, infirm, and aging population; and

WHEREAS, Charles County Hospice merged under Hospice of Chesapeake for greater consistency and a more effective resource allocation across the Southern Maryland area.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as **National Hospice, Palliative, and Home Care Month** in Charles County and encourage the support and participation of all residents in learning more about the home care and hospice concepts of care for the elderly, disabled, and infirm.

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