



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-94

Adoption Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes that recruitment and retention of Resource Parents and their families is a critical step in moving children out of the foster care system towards permanency; and

WHEREAS, to achieve permanency through adoption and/or transfer of custody and guardianship, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes the importance of offering children the opportunity to have stable loving homes through partnership with the court systems, and other members of the professional team; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month makes the desire of permanency through finalized adoptions and/or transfers of custody and guardianship a reality for foster children of Charles County; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month acknowledges and celebrates the willingness of Resource Parents and their families to provide a loving, supportive and permanent home to children in foster care in Charles County; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Honoring Youth: Strengthening Pathways for Lasting Bonds" raises awareness on how we can cultivate a support network for youth experiencing foster care that meets their needs; embraces and affirms their identity; and promotes family, community, and cultural connections.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as **Adoption Awareness Month** in Charles County and encourage all residents to learn more about Foster Care and Adoption and to support Resource Parents.

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