



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-06

### Black History Month

**WHEREAS**, Charles County residents of all backgrounds and experiences contribute to our County's rich cultural diversity, storied history and promising future, and it is important for all Charles County residents to recognize the positive contributions to our society made by people of all heritages and races; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans and African Americans play an important role in Charles County and American history, and Charles County has been the home of several historical African American figures and countless other unsung heroes who have contributed greatly to its rich history; and

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black American scholar and son of former slaves, initiated Black History Week in 1926, to be recognized the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

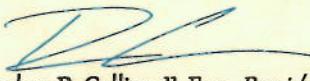
**WHEREAS**, in 1976, as part of the Nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became a month-long recognition, and is now celebrated throughout North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls our County and Nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism, recognize the vast achievements of all Black Americans across many disciplines and to continue to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for 2025 Black History month, **African Americans and Labor**, focuses on highlighting the significant contributions of Black Americans to the work force throughout history, encompassing both the challenges faced and the resilience demonstrated in various labor sectors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND** do hereby proclaim February 2025 as **Black History Month** in Charles County and encourage all residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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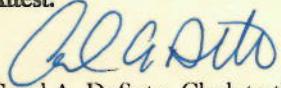
  
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