



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-14

### Good Sportsmanship Month

**WHEREAS**, Charles County recognizes being involved in sports, including coaches, players, and fans at all levels, should promote good sportsmanship and foster the development of positive characteristics for fitness and positive personal growth; and

**WHEREAS**, elements of good sportsmanship reflect crucial life skills that will help players thrive and build a strong sense of character and collaboration that can help prepare them for the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, good sportsmanship can combat bullying and promote inclusion by providing a safe and healthy environment where players value respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, and perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, fostering a commitment to these qualities on the playing field can prevent harassment and reduce incidences of concussions and other injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism, offers competitive and recreational sports leagues and services for both youth and adults ages four and up; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism have formed a new initiative to maintain the standard of good *SPORTS*manship: *S*portsmanship, *P*ositive attitude, *O*bey the rules, *R*espect, *T*eamwork, and *S*trive for success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as **Good Sportsmanship Month** in Charles County, and call upon all residents to recognize and adhere to the standards of good sportsmanship.

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