



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-34

National Small Business and Business Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, May is a time to recognize Businesses especially during National Small Business and Business Appreciation Week, and the important work of Economic Development to support businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, employing almost 61.7 million workers, representing nearly half of our country's labor force; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has over 18,000 small businesses that employ over 33,000 people with a payroll of roughly 1.5 (one point five) billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are vital to the overall economic health of Charles County by creating jobs, generating tax revenue, reinvesting in the local economy, and providing local alternatives to consumers; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and appreciate the outstanding service, innovation, and development that local business owners contribute to Charles County, and to emphasize the significance of supporting and shopping with local businesses year-round; and

WHEREAS, shopping locally strengthens the Charles County economy by keeping dollars within the community, supporting local jobs, and fostering lasting connections between businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Economic Development Department is committed to the growth and success of businesses in Charles County to ensure a strong economic foundation in Charles County and regional growth, job creation, and a competitive business environment; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Economic Development Department plays a pivotal role in fostering business success by supporting local businesses, attracting investment, and helping to create a thriving, diverse economy for all Charles County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim May 5-9, 2025, as **National Small Business and Business Appreciation Week** in Charles County, and encourage all residents to actively support local businesses and merchants during this week and all year long.

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