



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-55

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, suicide is a global health crisis, and each year in the United States over 40,000 families and communities are affected by the tragedy of suicide; and

WHEREAS, the impact of suicide is far-reaching, leaving families, friends, schools, workplaces, and entire communities with lasting grief and emotional trauma; and

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Week is observed annually and aims to raise awareness about warning signs, eliminate stigma surrounding mental health and encourage individuals in crisis to seek support; and

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Week theme for 2025, "Changing the Narrative on Suicide," aims to raise awareness on the importance of reducing stigma and encouraging open conversations to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention envision a world without suicide, and are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research, education, advocacy, and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide or struggled themselves; and

WHEREAS, Charles County is committed to promoting mental wellness, increasing public awareness and ensuring residents have access to the resources and services they need to find healing.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2025, as **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK** in Charles County and urge all resident to learn the warning signs of suicide and appropriately respond to people at risk.

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