



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-60

### AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Charles County is proud to be home to a vibrant and diverse population whose rich cultural heritage strengthens and enriches our community; and

**WHEREAS**, African Heritage month provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the legacy, culture, history, and economic contributions of African immigrants and individuals of African descent to the fabric of our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the African diaspora includes a vast and vibrant community whose members have made significant contributions in fields such as education, public service, business, healthcare, arts and culture, military service, science, and technology, demonstrating an enduring spirit of perseverance, innovation and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles County is home to one of the largest populations of African immigrants in the United States, and remains a welcoming and inclusive community that celebrates the diverse cultural heritage of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles County is home to the first African restaurant in Southern Maryland- Chobas Kitchen, the African American Heritage Society of Charles County, Pomonkey Junior-Senior High School - the first all African American high school in Charles County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes the importance of honoring this heritage and uplifting the voices, achievements and stories of African descendants whose impact continues to inspire progress across all spheres of society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as **AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in Charles County and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the invaluable cultural and historical contributions of African immigrants and individuals of African descent to our community.



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