



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-67

### National Bullying Prevention Month

**WHEREAS**, bullying is an aggressive behavior that harms children, teens, and adults emotionally, physically, and socially, and it undermines the well-being and safety of schools, neighborhoods, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that bullying has lasting negative effects on mental health, academic achievement, and overall quality of life, and no community is immune to its impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Education Statistics discovered that one in five kids between the ages of 12-18 years old have been bullied during a school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-defamation League concluded that people are less likely to report an incident of bullying as they get older; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bullying Prevention Month is a time to raise awareness, promote kindness and respect, and encourage community-wide efforts to prevent bullying in schools, workplaces, and online spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying occurs in neighborhoods; playgrounds; schools; workplace and through technology known as cyberbullying; and

**WHEREAS**, every child, regardless of background, race, ability, or circumstance, deserves to grow up in a safe and supportive environment where they are free from bullying, harassment, and intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles County to fostering safe learning and social environments by promoting anti-bullying education, supporting victims, and encouraging positive peer relationships.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as **National Bullying Prevention Month** in Charles County and encourage residents to help educate and raise awareness on bullying prevention and support **Unity Day on October 22, 2025** by wearing orange.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., *President*

Ralph E. Patterson, II, M.A., *Vice President*  
*District 4*

Gilbert O. Bowling, III  
*District 1*

Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.  
*District 2*

Amanda M. Stewart, Ed.D.  
*District 3*



Attest:

John Adelodun, Assistant Clerk to the Commissioners