



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.

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