



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-71

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness and Remembrance Month

WHEREAS, in 1988 Congress designated October as Pregnancy and infant Loss Awareness Month to recognize the grief experienced by parents who have lost children due to miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, birth defects, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and other causes of infant loss; and

WHEREAS, each year 1 in 4 pregnancies ends in tragedy including countless miscarriages; more than 21,000 babies are still born and another 21,000 do not live to see their first birthday and this devastating tragedy often occurs suddenly, without warning; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of pregnancy and infant loss helps reduce stigma, promotes compassionate care, and encourages resources for families affected by miscarriage, stillbirth, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and other causes of infant loss; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness and Remembrance Month, observed every October, provides an opportunity to honor the lives of these precious children, support the families who mourn them, and increase public understanding of the impact of such losses; and

WHEREAS, Charles County stands with families who have suffered these losses, recognizing their grief, honoring their children, and affirming the importance of community support, healing, and hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness and Remembrance Month** in Charles County and encourage all residents to support and show compassion to families who have experienced such loss, to support families who have experienced such loss and become educated on how to prevent pregnancy and infant loss.

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