



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-72

PANS/PANDA Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) are serious medical conditions that affect children and adolescents, leading to sudden and severe symptoms such as obsessive-compulsive behaviors, loss of ability to walk and speak, tics, seizures, anxiety, and other neuropsychiatric challenges; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are frequently misdiagnosed or misunderstood, causing delays in treatment and suffering for children and families; and

WHEREAS, early recognition, proper diagnosis, and timely medical intervention can significantly improve outcomes for individuals living with PANS and PANDAS; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and education among parents, educators, and healthcare providers are essential to improving understanding, reducing stigma, and ensuring that individuals affected by these disorders receive the care and support they need; and

WHEREAS, PANS/PANDAS Awareness Day, is a time to educate communities, honor families living with these conditions, and advocate for continued research and resources; and

WHEREAS, Charles County reaffirms its commitment to supporting the health and well-being of all residents by promoting awareness, advancing education, and encouraging compassion for families impacted by PANS and PANDAS.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2025 as **PANS/PANDA Awareness Day** in Charles County and encourage all residents to learn more about these conditions, support affected families, and work together to foster understanding and hope.

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