



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-82

### Adoption Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves a safe, loving and permanent family, and adoption provides children and youth with the opportunity to thrive and live a stable life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes that recruitment and retention of Resource Parents and their families is a critical step in moving children out of the foster care system towards permanency; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve permanency through adoption and/or transfer of custody and guardianship, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes the importance of offering children the opportunity to have stable, loving homes through partnership with the court systems, and other members of the professional team; and

**WHEREAS**, Adoption Awareness Month makes the desire of permanency through finalized adoptions and/or transfers of custody and guardianship a reality for the foster children of Charles County; and

**WHEREAS**, this observance acknowledges and celebrates the willingness of Resource Parents and their families to provide a loving, supportive and permanent home to children in foster care in Charles County; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme "Honoring Youth: Strengthening Pathways for Lasting Bonds" focuses on centering the voices of young people in the adoption process, building lifelong support systems for them, and creating meaningful connections that provide stability and a sense of belonging.

**WHEREAS**, Charles County commends the dedication of adoptive families who open their hearts and homes, and recognizes the professionals and advocates who support them throughout the adoption journey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim November 2025 as **Adoption Awareness Month** in Charles County and encourage all residents to learn more about the adoption process, support adoptive families, and advocate for the well-being of children in need of forever homes.

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