



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-83

### Shop Small Business Saturday

WHEREAS, small businesses are significant contributors to our economy and community; there are over 35 million small businesses in the U.S., creating more than two-thirds of the net new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday was established by American Express in 2010 and officially cosponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration SBA since 2011, and has become an important part of small business' busiest shopping season; and

WHEREAS, observed each year on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, it is a day set aside to support local entrepreneurs who play a vital role in creating jobs and economic opportunities across our communities; and

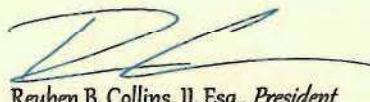
WHEREAS, Charles County has over 2,400 small businesses that employ over 34,000 people with payroll of over 1.28 (one point two eight) billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of our communities by creating jobs, generating tax revenue, reinvesting money earned in the local community, and providing local alternatives to consumers; and

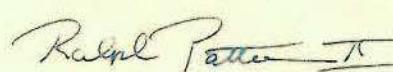
WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes and celebrates the resilience and dedication of small business owners who continue to innovate, adapt, and serve our residents with excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 29, 2025 as Shop Small Business Saturday in Charles County and encourage all the residents to shop local, dine local, and support small businesses that make our communities stronger and vibrant.

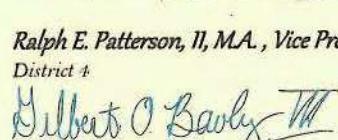
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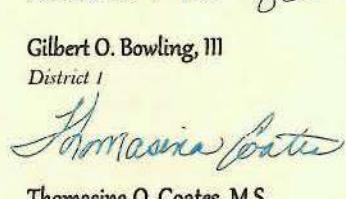
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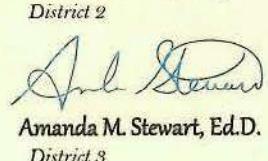
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