



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2026-16

National Volunteer Week

WHEREAS, each year we shine a light on the people that inspire us to serve while recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent, and voice to make a difference in their communities and increase the impact of the organizations they serve; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize and honor countless individuals and organizations who selflessly invest in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, in performance of their duties every day, these volunteers have become symbols of dedication and heroism within the community selflessly protecting Charles County families, visitors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is also a time to recognize the countless of other volunteers within the community for their dedicated service and commitment to the betterment of Charles County for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 National Volunteer Week theme, "People powering through volunteering is a symbol of hope through action for a better world", highlighting how collective, voluntary actions address larger challenges. It represents a bold defiance to hopelessness, where individual actions create contagious, positive changes; and

WHEREAS, volunteering transforms the desire for a better world into concrete action, acting as a superpower that puts individuals in control of change. It bridges cultural divides and brings communities together, reinforcing that even small actions have a ripple effect.; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of such dedicated men and women by designating National Volunteer Week with acts of kindness and appreciation from residents to provide needed encouragement and support to all Charles County volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as **National Volunteer Week** in Charles County and encourage all residents to take the time to acknowledge the work and service these volunteers provide.

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