



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2026-20

### Autism Acceptance Month

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month is observed each April to promote understanding, inclusion, and acceptance of individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a pervasive developmental disorder that affects communication, behavior, and social interaction, and individuals on the spectrum possess unique strengths, perspectives, and talents that enrich our communities; and

WHEREAS, one in 54 American children are diagnosed with the autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment, they lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Charles County is committed to promoting inclusive practices, equal opportunities, and supportive environments that allow individuals with autism to thrive in schools, workplaces, and the broader community. benefits from awareness efforts that educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April of 2026 as **Autism Acceptance Month** in Charles County, and call upon all residents to promote culture of acceptance, recognize, support, and appreciate the contributions provided by individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.



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