



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-11

National Angelman Day

WHEREAS Angelman (AS) is a rare neuro-genetic disorder that occurs in one in 15,000 live births or 500,000 people worldwide. It is caused by a loss of function of the UBE3A gene in the 15th chromosome derived from the mother. AS shares symptoms and characteristics with other disorders including autism, cerebral palsy and Prader-Willi syndrome. Due to the common characteristics, misdiagnosis occurs often.; and

WHEREAS, People with AS have developmental problems that become noticeable by the age of 6 - 12 months. Other symptoms usually appear like walking and balance disorders, gastrointestinal issues, seizures, and little to no speech. Despite these symptoms, people with AS have an overall happy and excitable demeanor and will light up a room with their smile and laughter; and

WHEREAS, AS was first identified in 1965 by Dr. Harry Angelman, an English physician at Warrington General Hospital. The characteristic findings of Angelman syndrome are not usually apparent at birth and diagnosis of the disorder is usually made between 1 and 4 years of age; and

WHEREAS, National Angelman (AS) Day is February 15, 2023 to help advance the awareness and treatment of AS through education and information, research, and support for individuals with AS, their families and other concerned parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND do hereby proclaim February 15, 2023 as **National Angelman Day** in Charles County and call on residents to help promote awareness and support the goal of finding a cure.

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