



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-16

Good Sportsmanship Month

WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes being involved in sports, including coaches, players, and fans at all levels, should promote good sportsmanship and foster the development of positive characteristics for fitness and positive personal growth; and

WHEREAS, elements of good sportsmanship reflect crucial life skills that will help players thrive and build a strong sense of character and collaboration that can help prepare them for the workplace; and

WHEREAS, good sportsmanship can combat bullying and promote inclusion by providing a safe and healthy environment where players value respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, fostering a commitment to these qualities on the playing field can prevent harassment and reduce incidences of concussions and other injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism, offers competitive and recreational sports leagues and services for both youth and adults ages four and up; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism have formed a new initiative to maintain the standard of good **SPORTS**manship: **S**portsmanship, **P**ositive attitude, **O**bey the rules, **R**espect, **T**eamwork, and **S**trive for success.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as **Good Sportsmanship Month** in Charles County, and call upon all residents to recognize and adhere to the standards of good sportsmanship.

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