

## County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2023-33

## Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, the Charles County Department of Aging supports a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Charles County is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier, more active lives in the community of their choosing for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme of "Aging Unbound", is an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, during the global COVID-19 Pandemic, older adults came together at Charles County parks for programs that supported wellness, fitness, arts, and social engagement in this time of isolation and uncertainty, demonstrating their flexibility, strength and dedication to healthy aging and support of each other; and

WHEREAS, Charles County Area Agency on Aging strived to deliver and distribute thousands of meals to older adults in the community who were in need to ensure that no older adult experienced food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Charles County continues to provide new and innovative opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting social inclusion to ensure residents of all ages benefit from the contributions and experiences of older adults.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, proclaim May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Charles County and urge all residents to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals in our community.

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