



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2023-39

### National Travel and Tourism Week

**WHEREAS**, this is the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual National Travel and Tourism Week which was created by Congress in 1983 to elevate the economic power of travel; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme "Future of Travel" recognizes the critical role tourism plays in rebuilding the workforce, helps communities recover, fosters sustainability, ushers in new innovations and reconnects travelers to the Charles County, U.S., and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the pandemic, in 2019, the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. Travel generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S; and

**WHEREAS**, Explore Charles County will be celebrating with marketing initiatives to strengthen brand awareness and encourage visitors to travel to Charles County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023 as **National Travel and Tourism Week** in Charles County, Maryland, and encourage residents to take the time to enjoy all that Charles County has to offer.



Attest:

Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

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