



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-40

National Correctional Officers Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan, proclaimed National Correctional Officers Week by proclamation, as he recognized the inherent struggles correctional officers face daily; and

WHEREAS, correctional facilities across the U.S. are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers are dedicated to protecting offenders while promoting positive behavior, attitudes, and skills which will improve the offenders' chances of becoming productive members of society when they are released from custody; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers are capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals who serve admirably in correctional facilities all across the country to teach, train, mentor, preach and cure; and

WHEREAS, the duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding as the profession continues to evolve especially considering the public health crises of increased mental health disease and opioid addiction; and

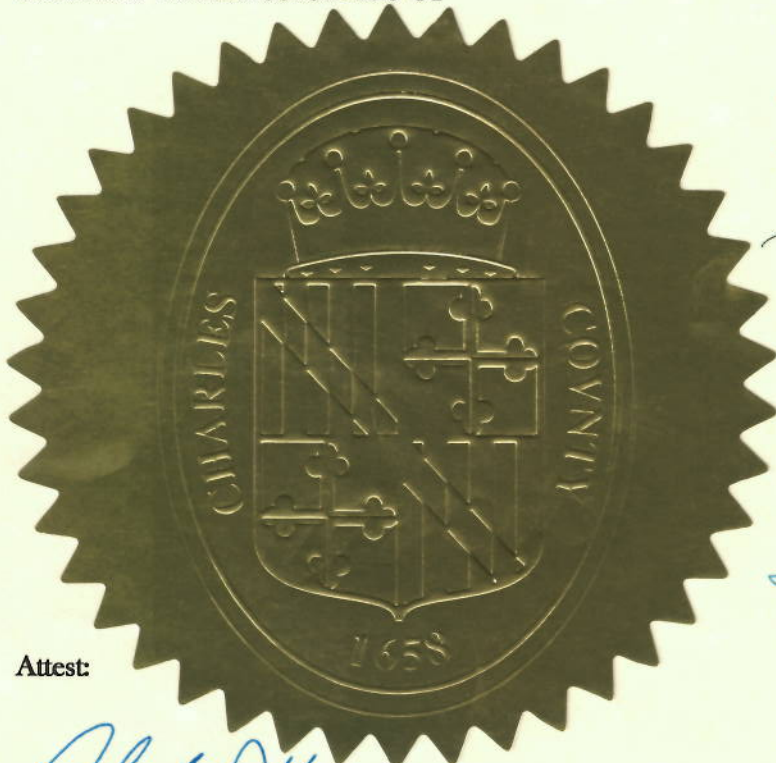
WHEREAS, the professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of their demanding roles deserve our utmost respect; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers' Week offers an opportunity to acknowledge and honor our correctional officers for the important work they perform each day, and for the sacrifices they make to protect all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, formally designate May 7-13, 2023, as **National Correctional Officers Appreciation Week** in Charles County, and commend them for the exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult circumstances.

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