



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-41

Business Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, Business Appreciation Week in Charles County is an opportunity to educate the community on the importance of supporting and shopping with local businesses in Charles County; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has over 2800 small businesses that employ over 31,000 people with payroll of roughly 1.3 (one point three) billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, there are over 11,000 non-employer businesses in Charles County with annual receipts approaching 4 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has over five thousand minority-owned small businesses; over four thousand women-owned small businesses; and fourteen hundred veteran-owned small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes and appreciates the outstanding service, innovation and development that local business owners provide to our community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to support our businesses, it is important to shop local year-round since when our local businesses thrive, our community thrives as well; and

WHEREAS, Charles County Department of Economic Development, in recognition and support of local businesses, has coordinated a week of activities, webinars and special tours to support local businesses throughout the County during Business Appreciation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 30-May 6, 2023, **Business Appreciation Week** in Charles County and urge all residents in Charles county to support local businesses and merchants during this week and throughout the year.

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CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

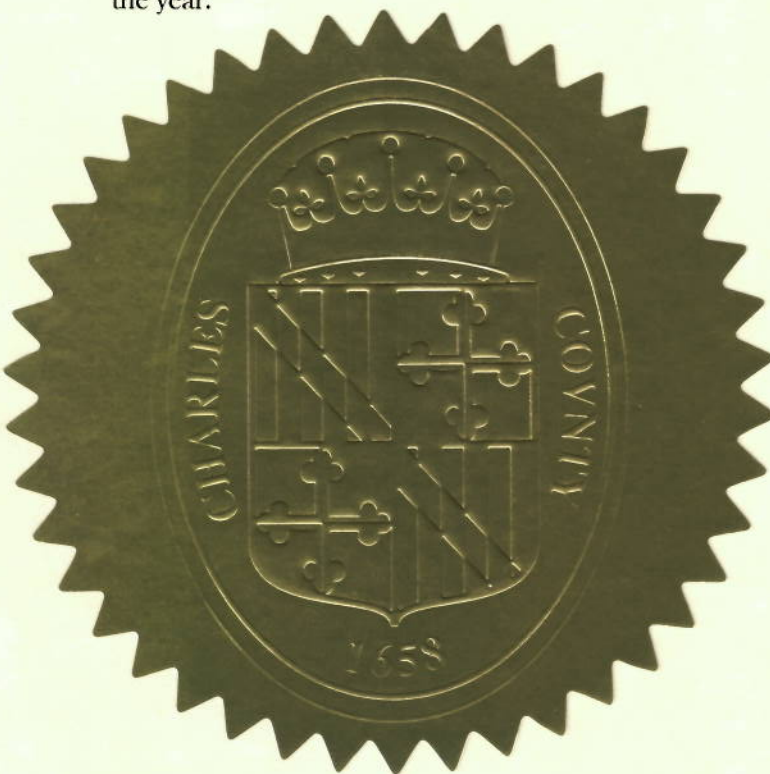
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