



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-50

Pride Month

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton declared June Gay and Lesbian Pride Month in 1999 and President Barack Obama expanded the observance to include the bisexual and transgender community in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Charles County is home to individuals who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+), and we continue to embrace all residents and encourage the acceptance of diversity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community in America has achieved remarkable progress and made positive contributions to our country; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals strive to acquire protections for fundamental rights and overcome discrimination, harassment, and sometimes violence; and

WHEREAS, Charles County encourages the equitable and fair treatment of all people within our community and beyond; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as **Pride Month** in Charles County and ask our residents to open their minds to unique views and ideas, respecting humanity, and choices of all people.



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