



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2023-60

### NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness month is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency each September to encourage Americans to prepare for Emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme "Preparing for Older Adults" will focus on preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of September, Charles County Emergency Services urges residents to take measures to make themselves and their families better prepared for emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, being prepared includes creating an emergency supply kit containing items that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days in the event of an emergency; developing a plan that addresses sheltering in place or evacuating the area; staying informed about different threats that could affect your community; and getting involved by training in first aid and emergency response; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Services promotes emergency preparedness by maintaining Charles County's designation from the National Weather Service as "Storm Ready," coordinating Skywarn "Spotter" training from the National Weather Service and encouraging residents to sign up for the Charles County Citizen's Notification Service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND,** do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Charles County and ask our residents to take action to be better prepared for emergencies.

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