



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-62

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) launched Recovery Month in 1989 to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month promotes and supports new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the Nation's strong and proud recovery communities, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger" reminds people that it takes support from many to face the challenges of recovery; and

WHEREAS, the societal benefits of prevention, treatment and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, and applauds the contributions of treatment and service providers; and

WHEREAS, to support the millions of individuals who are proudly living their lives in recovery, as well as their family members and loved ones, the Charles County Board of Commissioners joins the Charles County Department of Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration inviting all people to participate in National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** in Charles County and commend this observance by all people.

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