



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2023-65

### CONSTITUTION WEEK

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2023 marks the two hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, celebration of the Constitution was started when the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress in 1955 to aside September 17-23 for the observance of Constitution Week and this observance week was signed into public law on August 2, 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. The Constitution is celebrated annually to commemorate its history, importance, and bring attention to how it serves still today; and

**WHEREAS**: it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, the aims of celebrating Constitution Week are to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution and to inform people that it is the basis for America's great heritage and foundation for our way of life; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 2023 as **CONSTITUTION WEEK** in Charles County, and ask all people to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

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