



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-73

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, more than 281,000 Americans, men and women, will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and more than 45,000 will likely die from this terrible disease. Undoubtedly, this is an illness that touches the lives of countless individuals within our County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, October 2023 marks the 32nd anniversary of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program which is the best protection against these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland recognizes the importance of raising awareness and increasing resources to support breast cancer research projects and community programs; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Charles County, we express our gratitude to Sisters at Heart Breast Cancer Support Group of Southern Maryland; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Nu Zeta Omega Chapter; Ivy & Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Inc.; and all our community advocates and partners for their role as a resourceful catalyst in creating a future without breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness of the facts surrounding breast cancer prevention and treatment, the Charles County Commissioners encourage residents to wear pink during the month of October as a sign of the need to eradicate breast cancer and develop treatments and to find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, **WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** in Charles County, and stand in solidarity with breast cancer survivors and reaffirm our commitment to raising awareness of this disease.

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