



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-81

National American Indian Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

Whereas, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George bush in August 1990, designating the month of November, as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities have been planned.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as **National American Indian Heritage Month** in Charles County and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



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