



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-83

Family Court Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the mission at One Mom's Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children; and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system; and

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunders's Study (Us Department of Justice), The Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court); and

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in the family court system while honoring the 100(+) children in the United States who have been murdered by a parent after a custody court rejected the other parent's plea for protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as **Family Court Awareness Month** in Charles County and encourage all residents to support the Family Court Awareness Month Committee and their mission.



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