



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-85

Adoption Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes that recruitment and retention of Resource Parents and their families is a critical step in moving children out of the foster care system towards permanency; and

WHEREAS, to achieve permanency through adoption and/or transfer of custody and guardianship, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes the importance of offering children the opportunity to have stable loving homes through partnership with the court systems, and other members of the professional team; and

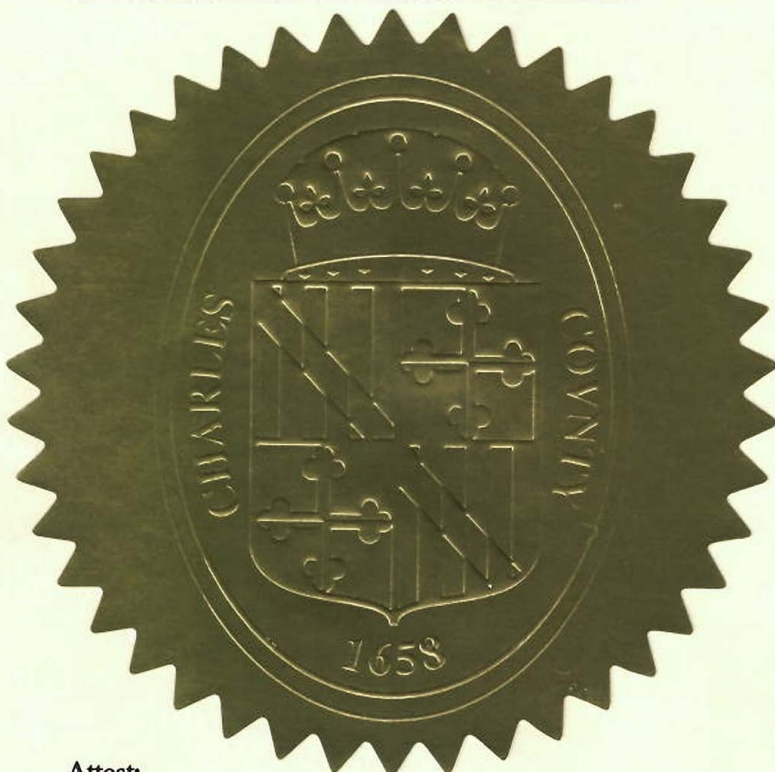
WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month makes the desire of permanency through finalized adoptions and/or transfers of custody and guardianship a reality for foster children of Charles County; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month acknowledges and celebrates the willingness of Resource Parents and their families to provide a loving, supportive and permanent home to children in foster care in Charles County; and

WHEREAS, there has been one (1) successful adoption and three (3) successful transfers of custody and guardianship; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, we celebrate this effort along with similar celebrations across the State of Maryland, to honor all who have helped to provide children a chance to live within stable and loving families providing relationships intended to last a lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as **Adoption Awareness Month** in Charles County and commend this observance to all our residents.



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