



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-89

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of the United States founded National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in 1996 to acknowledge and appreciate the role of animal shelters in communities all over the country; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 58 million cats and 76 million dogs living in more than 80 million households across the United States, and over 38 thousand dogs and 28 thousand cats living in Charles County; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Care Center provides care that bridges the gap to adoption for thousands of abandoned and stray animals in Charles County;

WHEREAS, the work of Animal Care Center includes: the promotion of spay & neuter programs to reduce abandoned and stray animals in our County, returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing injured animals, educating the public, and matching up families with new animal companions; and

WHEREAS, through the observance of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, we acknowledge the hard-working employees and volunteers who support the efforts of the Animal Care Center to help both animals and people.

NOW. THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 5-11, 2023 as **National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week** in Charles County, in recognition of Charles County Animal Care Center for helping to achieve the Emergency Services Mission of Answering the call and saving lives of animals in our community.

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