



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2023-90

### First Responders Appreciation Day

**WHEREAS**, Congress designated October 28 as National First Responders Day in 2017 to honor the professional and volunteer firefighters, police officers, professional and volunteer emergency medical services personnel, emergency management professionals; correctional officers, 911 dispatchers and all those who are first on the scene in stressful situations; and

**WHEREAS**, these courageous men and women are our first and best defense against threats, both foreign and domestic; and

**WHEREAS**, each day our first responders stand ready to aid the residents of Charles County who are in need, often risking their own safety in the execution of their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders undergo extensive education and training in order to achieve the expertise required to respond to emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, First Responders Appreciation Day recognizes the heroic men and women who make it their business to take immediate action when disaster strikes; and

**WHEREAS**, First Responders Appreciation Day is a time to officially recognize the service and sacrifice of the first responders who make our community the best in which to live, work and raise a family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2023 as **First Responders Appreciation Day** in Charles County in recognition all emergency responders and commend all residents to acknowledge their value to our community and show appreciation throughout the year for the exemplary services provided by this distinctive group of public servants.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

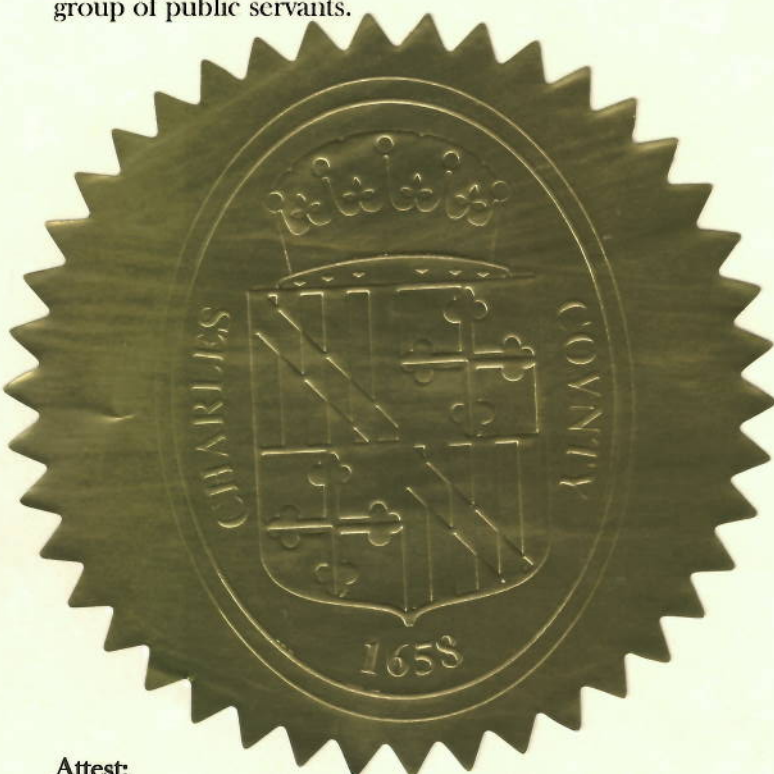
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