



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-94

National Family Caregivers Month

WHEREAS, National Family Caregivers Month began in 1997 to recognize and honor family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, National Family Caregivers Month is a time to recognize and honor the love and sacrifice of family caregivers who provide care and assistance for children, aging parents, and family members who may have special needs, mental illness, or are disabled or injured; and

WHEREAS, more than 53 million family caregivers provide unpaid care across the country; and

WHEREAS, AARP estimates that in 2021, family caregivers provided 36 billion hours of care valued at \$600 billion dollars and, carry the primary responsibility for caring for grandchildren whose parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's National Family Caregivers Month is "#CaregiversConnect" which highlights the importance of connections as a way to get information about a loved one's disease or condition, share experiences and resources, get support, and talk to someone who understands the challenges of being a family caregiver; and


WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes the importance of National Family Caregivers Month as a time to raise awareness of family caregiver issues; celebrate their efforts; increase support for family caregivers; and honor the love and sacrifice they provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as **National Family Caregivers Month** in Charles County and encourage all residents to acknowledge and support family caregivers for their love and commitment of their service to care for family members.




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