



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-95

Human Rights Week

WHEREAS, Human Rights Day and Week recognizes the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all people, as members of the human family, as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Human Rights Week is a time to cultivate a deeper knowledge and understanding of human rights and inequities; and

WHEREAS, human rights are not only about individual people but communities as well. Recognizing the inalienable rights of all people helps bring the community together to reflect on our shared values of respect, dignity and freedom to pursue basic life necessities, as a foundation to help address the challenges we all face; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, enshrines the rights and freedoms of all human beings; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this 2023 Human Rights Week is "Universal Means Everyone" is a reminder that human rights are inherent to us all, regardless of nationality, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language, or any other status; and

WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes the importance of Human Rights Week as a time to raise awareness of human rights of all people not only in our community but across the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim December 1-10, 2023, as **Human Rights Week** and December 10, 2023, as **Human Rights Day** in Charles County and encourage and remind all residents to treat everyone with dignity and respect.





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