



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2022-80

Shop Small Business Saturday

WHEREAS, small businesses are significant contributors to our economy and community; there are currently 30 million small businesses in the U.S., creating more than two-thirds of the net new jobs; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ almost 59 million workers, more than one-third of our country's labor force; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has over 2800 small businesses that employ over 31,000 people with payroll of roughly 1.3 (one point three) billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, there are over 11,000 nonemployee businesses in Charles County with annual receipts approaching 4 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has over five thousand minority-owned small businesses; over four thousand women-owned small businesses; and fourteen hundred veteran-owned small businesses; and

WHEREAS, undoubtedly, small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of our community by creating jobs, generating tax revenue, reinvesting money earned in the local community, and providing local alternatives to consumers; and

WHEREAS, it is important to shop locally, both virtually and in-person, and support Charles County Small Businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2022 as **Shop Small Business Saturday** in Charles County and urge the residents of Charles County to support small businesses and merchants during this week and throughout the year.

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