



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2024-09

### National Freedom Day

**WHEREAS**, National Freedom Day was established in 1948 to recognize the importance to the end of slavery in the United states; and

**Whereas**, President Lincoln signed the resolution amendment which outlaws slavery in the United States on February 1, 1865, and thereafter led to the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment to the constitution; and

**Whereas**, that Amendment is a corner stone in the foundation of our American traditions, and the signing of the resolution is a landmark in the Nation's effort to fulfill the principles of freedom and justice proclaimed in the first ten amendments to the Constitution; and

**Whereas**, the United Nations issued a Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, which declares that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world"; and

**Whereas**, National Freedom Day is a day to promote harmony, peace, good feeling, and equal opportunity among all citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND** do hereby proclaim February 1, 2024 as **National Freedom Day** in Charles County and urge all residents to take the time to pause in solemn contemplation of the glorious blessings of freedom which we humbly and thankfully enjoy.



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Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners