



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-12

Social Work Month

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable among us particularly during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Social Work Month theme, "Empowering Social Workers" raises awareness of the social work profession and highlights the need for the government, regulators, and employers to work to improve pay for social workers as a way of investing in addressing challenging social issues; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people, whether in person or remotely, overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, those who are LGBTQA, religious groups and others; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with more than more than 715,000 social workers today and nearly 800,000 professionals expected to be employed as social workers by 2028; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have continued to push for changes that have made our society a better place to live, including a livable wage, improved workplace safety, and social safety net programs that help ameliorate poverty, hunger, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all facets of our society to meet people no matter their circumstance and empower them to live to their fullest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as **Social Work Month** in Charles County and call upon all to join in the celebration and support, of the Social Work Profession.

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