



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2024-21

### Autism Acceptance Month

**WHEREAS**, each year people across the globe take time to recognize the millions of people living with autism spectrum disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, autism spectrum disorder is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, one in 54 American children are diagnosed on the autism spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment, they lead significantly improved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charles County community benefits from awareness efforts that educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects. We must ensure acceptance and inclusion in schools and communities that results in a true appreciation of all our unique residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim April of 2024 as **Autism Acceptance Month** in Charles County, and call upon all residents to promote, recognize, support, and appreciate the contributions provided by individuals with autism spectrum disorders.



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