



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-38

Business Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, Business Appreciation Week in Charles County is an opportunity to educate the community on the importance of supporting and shopping with local businesses in Charles County; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has over 2700 small businesses that employ over 32,000 people with payroll of roughly 1.4 (one point four) billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, Charles County supports local businesses by encouraging entrepreneurship, providing opportunities for skills training, and connecting our 14,000 non-employer businesses with the resources to prosper, yielding annual receipts of nearly half a billion dollars; and

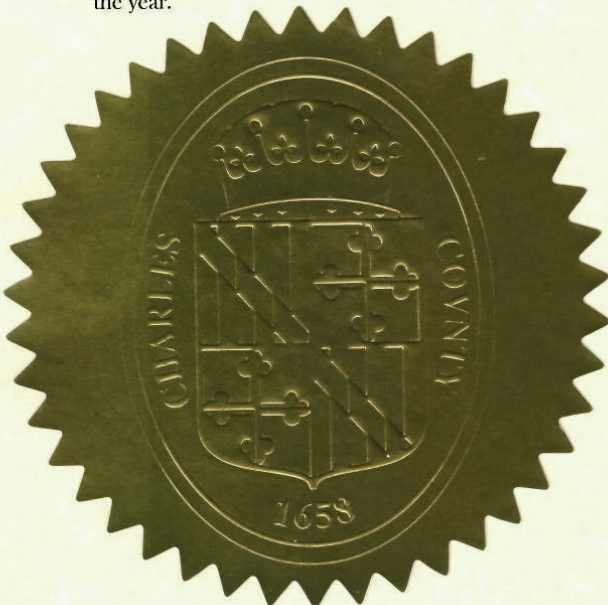
WHEREAS, Charles County has over five thousand minority-owned small businesses; over four thousand women-owned small businesses; and fourteen hundred veteran-owned small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes and appreciates the outstanding service, innovation and development that local business owners provide to our community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to support our businesses, it is important to shop local year-round since when our local businesses thrive, our community thrives as well; and

WHEREAS, Charles County Department of Economic Development, in recognition and support of local businesses, has coordinated a week of activities, trainings, and special tours to support local businesses throughout the County during Business Appreciation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 28 - May 4, 2024, **Business Appreciation Week** in Charles County and urge all residents in Charles County to support local businesses and merchants during this week and throughout the year.



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