



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-45

National Salvation Army Week

WHEREAS, National Salvation Army Week was declared by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954 and has been observed during the week following Mother's Day each year; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of wholehearted dedication to the cause of human brotherhood and is a constant reminder to all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, since 1885, The Salvation Army National Capital Area Command has offered programs that feed, shelter and empower individuals in need who reside in the DC Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army National Capital Area Command has served over 200,000 people last year with emergency assistance, case management, rehabilitation services, youth activities, and church programs to local families in need; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army provides additional programs catered to serve the needs of those experiencing hunger, through The Salvation Army's food pantry available to all Charles County residents; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army's food pantry serving Charles County is the largest in the state of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command, along with its volunteers, donors, business and government partners, serve the local community in accordance with its mission, "to meet human needs without discrimination."

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND do hereby proclaim May 13 - 19, 2024, as **National Salvation Army Week** in Charles County to observe this occasion by recognizing the service and dedication of The Salvation Army to improving the lives of Charles County Residents and all citizens.



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