



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-52

World No Tobacco Day

WHEREAS, each year the World Health Organization (WHO) holds World No Tobacco Day. Their goal is to spread awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and its negative impact on health as well as the exploitation of the nicotine industry that is geared towards the youth in particular; and

WHEREAS, the member states of WHO created World No Tobacco Day in 1987 as a response to the global crisis and the diseases and deaths caused by the epidemic. The WHO Assembly passed resolution 1988, issuing May 31 as an annual observance of World No Tobacco Day; and

WHEREAS, there are 8 million reported deaths every year due to the consumption of tobacco. It is the leading cause of respiratory disorders like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, tuberculosis, and other lung diseases; and

WHEREAS, we ask our community to encourage young people around us to avoid the habit altogether. Educate our youth on the importance of their pulmonary health to live a long healthy life; and

WHEREAS, we as a community and the World Health Organization promote No World Tobacco Day as a launching pad to a brighter and less smokey future.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND do hereby proclaim May 31, 2024, as **World No Tobacco Day** in Charles County an recognize and acknowledge the importance of avoiding tobacco use in Charles County.



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