



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-53

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use conditions often remain invisible, yet profoundly impact children, youth, and families; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to create compassionate communities across our state, ensuring every child is seen, acknowledged, and supported; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing challenge of inaccessible and unaffordable mental health care inhibits wellbeing for our state and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the provision of equitable, culturally relevant, and effective health and behavioral health care paves the way for Maryland's youth to access opportunities for work, income, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, unlocking the potential of every Charles County resident and enhancing support for youth navigating mental health and substance use challenges is essential for our state to thrive; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to collaborate in raising awareness of children's mental health importance, fostering the well-being of all Charles County's children and families, reducing stigma and increasing acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Week is annually observed during Mary to elevate awareness, acceptance and understanding of children's mental health and well-being and that impact on the future of all Charles County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND do hereby proclaim May 5 - 11, 2024, as **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week** in Charles County and encourage the citizens of Charles County to unite in increasing awareness, acceptance, understanding and collaboration regarding children's mental health.



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