



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-57

National Homeownership Month

WHEREAS, for many Americans, a home is more than just a residence. It is a place that instills a sense of pride, security, and comfort that, no matter what challenges in life arise, they have somewhere to go and call it their own. Whether owning or renting, a home is where we can live with dignity and watch our families grow. During National Homeownership Month, we recognize the importance of housing and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that everyone has a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, REALTORS® strive to ensure all Americans have the opportunity to achieve homeownership, the centerpiece of the American Dream and the pathway to economic well-being and intergenerational wealth-building. We celebrate the more than 83 million Americans who are property owners nationwide, and many others who are working to achieve the American Dream of homeownership. However, we also recognize some of the problems the housing market is facing right now that we must work to correct, such as an inventory crisis and extremely high housing costs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS® have been fostering and facilitating homeownership in Charles County for over 53 years; and

WHEREAS, Homeownership month is an opportunity to reaffirm our support for homeowners in our country and county, and commit to working diligently to ensure that everyone has access to an affordable home in a community of their choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, proclaim that the month of June 2024 be proclaimed in Charles County as "National Homeownership Month".

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