



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-60

National Parks and Recreation Month

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Charles County, Maryland and promotes health and wellness, and the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible space to build meaningful connections; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change and ensures the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month and Charles County recognizes the important benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim July 2024 as **National Park and Recreation Month** in Charles County.



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