



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-61

Maryland Buy Local Week

WHEREAS, Charles County agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, and wild-harvest watermen provide high-quality, locally grown and harvested products; and

WHEREAS, local farmers, foresters, and watermen link the past to the present and are vital to the local economy, offer quality jobs for residents, engage in civic concerns, support local initiatives, and are essential to the community; and

WHEREAS, Charles County is home to 371 farms in Charles County and more than 47,000 acres of farmland and a revenue of over \$20 million to enrich residents with the production of fresh and local food; and

WHEREAS, support for Charles County's local producers and harvesters is found through its citizens' desire to retain our farmland and waterways and through their choice to purchase fresh, locally grown and harvested produce, various meats, and beverages from local breweries and distilleries, which contribute to higher nutrition, better taste, less waste, and less pollution; and

WHEREAS, Charles County is committed to promoting local agriculture enterprise and calls upon all citizens to choose products produced and harvested in the region's farmlands and waterways daily.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim the week of July 19 - 29, 2024 as **Maryland Buy Local Week** in Charles County and encourage all citizens to participate in the Buy Local Challenge, pledging to enjoy one Maryland-grown product every day during Buy Local Week.



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