



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-71

CAR FREE DAY

WHEREAS, Car Free Day is a worldwide event that encourages greener methods of travel; meaning ways to get around other than driving alone by car; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Washington, DC region; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Board through its Commuter Connections program organizes and promotes the annual Car Free Day event along with its jurisdictional network members throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Car Free benefits the National Capital Region through improved air quality, mobility, energy conservation, and reduced parking demands; and

WHEREAS, Commuter Connections hosts Car Free Day in the Washington, DC region to bring awareness to the benefits of travel options such as transit, bicycling and walking; and also telework for people who can work from home. Carpooling and vanpooling count too, we call that "car-lite" since they are both lighter on the wallet and the environment than driving alone in a car.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2024 as **CAR FREE DAY** in Charles County and encourage citizens to pledge to be Car Free or Car-lite.

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