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**STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23

TO CONDEMN RACISM IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the principle that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among which are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the United States has strived to live up to this ideal; and

WHEREAS, great progress has been made, including the end of the eras of slavery and Jim Crow; and

WHEREAS, despite this progress, vestiges of racism remain, and acts of discrimination continue in the United States and in Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive's vision is that every citizen of Anne Arundel County will have equal opportunity to achieve his or her potential as a human being, will be free from discrimination and prejudice, and will enjoy equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, violence and hatred have no place in the United States, and intolerance and bigotry violate our basic American values.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven R. Schuh, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 12 day of September, 2017, as follows:

1. The administration of Anne Arundel County government denounces all racism, bigotry and discrimination and calls on all Anne Arundel County citizens to unite in efforts to eliminate racism and prejudice from our community.

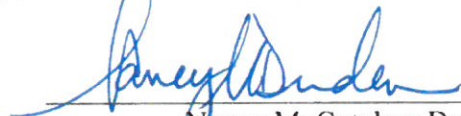
2. The administration of Anne Arundel County government respects and values the life of every human being.
3. The administration of Anne Arundel County government recognizes the historical impact of racism and discrimination on the citizens of our Country and County.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.



STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Nancy McCutchan Duden
County Attorney