

ARUNDEL CENTER 44 CALVERT STREET ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 Phone: 410-222-1821 Fax: 410-222-1155

www.aacounty.org

STEVEN R. SCHUH County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25

TO CREATE THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ("AACHRC")

WHEREAS, the County Executive is committed to the goals of advancing intergroup understanding and the prevention of discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, sex, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or national origin that may deprive a person or group of persons of equal rights, protections, or opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a body made up of persons with knowledge of the full range of issues related to discrimination can provide the County Executive with advice on the County's policies and actions that may affect the equal rights, protections, and opportunities of citizens.

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 13 day of September, 2017, as follows:

- 1. The Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission ("AACHRC") is created and shall meet at least quarterly to perform its functions under this Executive Order. All meetings shall comport with the Maryland Open Meetings Act and relevant provisions of the Anne Arundel County Code.
- 2. The AACHRC shall advise the County Executive on matters involving prejudice and discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, sex, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or national origin, and shall recommend procedures, programs, and legislation to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities.
- 3. The AACHRC shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the County Executive for four (4) year terms co-terminus with the term of the County Executive. Members shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. A member whose term has expired shall serve until a successor is appointed. Members serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and may be

Executive Order 25 Page 2

removed at any time, with or without cause. Members shall be considered removed for cause if they miss more than one-half of the meetings held during a twelve (12) month period.

- 4. The County Executive shall appoint a Chair from among the members of the AACHRC. The Chair shall: preside at all meetings of the AACHRC; meet as requested with the County Executive and other County representatives; provide information to the AACHRC; represent the AACHRC at relevant meetings and functions; oversee preparation of the reports to the County Executive; enforce compliance with this Executive Order, the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the County Code, and any bylaws adopted by the AACHRC.
- 5. A majority of the members of the AACHRC shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.
- 6. The AACHRC shall submit an annual report to the County Executive that sets forth the status of plans and progress on the functions set forth herein, as well as goals for the next year.
- The AACHRC shall adopt bylaws and rules of procedure.
- 8. Members of the AACHRC shall serve without compensation.

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 w form and legal sufficiency:

Mancy McCutchan Duden County Attorney