EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County, Maryland

WHEREAS, Kathleen Koch has served the residents of Anne Arundel County for more than 40 years, under eight county executives, where she was instrumental in the creation of Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS), which serves as the County's housing and community development agency. Under her leadership, the organization has grown from an annual operating budget of $3 million to more than $28 million; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Koch has been an exemplary founding Executive Director of ACDS where she supported over 36,135 children and youth, 2,825 older adults, and 52,610 residents with community development services in our underserved communities, and provided support services and shelter for over 21,000 individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Koch implemented countless special projects that brought public facilities and necessary human services to underserved communities, including the Wiley H. Bates project and the upcoming Severn Center; and,

WHEREAS, under Ms. Koch's direction, ACDS supported the development and retention of over 3,000 affordable rental units throughout the County. The Eviction Prevention Program has helped over 7,000 households avoid eviction, of which 2,000 were protected during COVID. Credit and budget counseling was also provided to over 6,000 first time homebuyers and helped over 650 households purchase their first home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2021 as Kathleen Koch Day in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance, and to find their own ways to inspire and give back to their communities as Ms. Koch has done for Anne Arundel County. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 2nd Day of December in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty One.

STEUART L. PITTMAN
County Executive
December 2, 2021