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Commissioners Approve Employee Day to Serve Initiative

County workers encouraged to volunteer with community organizations

Leonardtown, MD – As a way of embracing volunteer opportunities in the St. Mary's County community, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County have approved a resolution granting county employees an opportunity to volunteer in the community.

The effort is part of Governor Larry Hogan's 2017 Day to Serve Initiative, an outreach effort to support those in need by partnering with community organizations.

Day to Serve is an annual month-long community service initiative which began in 2012 as collaboration between the governors of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the Mayor of Washington DC to encourage volunteerism among their citizens. Each locality competes by tracking the number of volunteers and their hours served. Governor Hogan provided MD State employee with 4 hours of paid leave to volunteer and has identified the period between September 11 through October 10, 2017 as the 2017 Day to Serve event.

The resolution allows employees to use four consecutive hours of paid leave to volunteer in their community during the event. The initiative supports an employee friendly work culture, improves employee morale and promotes employee pride in their workplace.

To participate in this community service event, employees are required to obtain approval from their supervisor before volunteering; and upon completion of their volunteer time, provide documentation from where they volunteered. The volunteer time must be completed during the event dates and during an employee's scheduled work hours to qualify for paid leave.

County employees can search those Local and State agencies in need of volunteers by going to the Day to Serve website at <http://www.daytoserve.org/maryland> or the Volunteer Southern Maryland site <https://www.facebook.com/VolunteerSouthernMaryland/>

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