

# Kent County Maryland Proclamation

## CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

April 3 – 9, 2011

**WHEREAS**, the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens, and the public benefits when young people learn that good character counts in school, at home and in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, character building skills taught around the Six Pillars of Character – *Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship*- have to be practiced and demonstrated by all caring adults and children everywhere, all the time; and

**WHEREAS**, character building skills are taught to the children through various methods, such as classroom lessons, storytelling, essay contests, school-wide activities; and

**WHEREAS**, character education is offered throughout the year to all schools, civic and sports organizations that work with the youth in Kent County; and

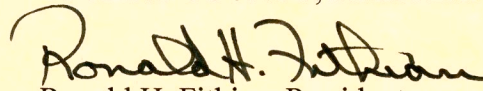
**WHEREAS**, community volunteers, known as Character Coaches, visit the schools once a week to deliver character education lessons; and


**WHEREAS**, Character Counts! Kent County, acknowledges the countless volunteer hours of its community members, and the financial support of numerous businesses and organizations; and

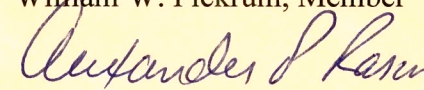
**WHEREAS**, Character Counts! Kent County, a non-profit organization, is a member of the National Character Counts! Coalition, which promotes development of character in all aspects of people's lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim the first week of April as "*Character Counts! Week*" in Kent County.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
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February 8, 2011