

**PROCLAMATION**

*In Recognition of the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of*

*“Friel Lumber Company”*

*in Queenstown, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland*

**WHEREAS, Friel Lumber Company** of Queenstown, Maryland, a family owned company, is celebrating 120 years of business. The company, which operates Friel Lumber and S.E.W. Friels Canning House, is owned and operated by 5 generations of the Friel Family.

**WHEREAS,** in 1903, Samuel Edward Whiting Friel began Friel Lumber as a lumber mill operating several sawmills in the area manufacturing primarily construction lumber, railroad ties and veneer products such as fruit baskets. The company began canning tomatoes in 1912 at the Queenstown Cannery.

**WHEREAS,** Friel Lumber Company continued to grow its footprint in Queen Anne’s County by adding additional warehouse facilities and a Kitchen and Bath Showroom. S.E.W. Friel is the largest private label manufacturer of sweet corn in the country and the only remaining cannery on the eastern shore of Maryland.

**WHEREAS,** most recently Friels is one of Queen Anne’s County’s larger employers, providing employment for an estimated 250 employees most of which are county residents.

**WHEREAS,** Queen Anne’s County values and appreciates the significant contributions to our community made by the Friel family and its employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of County Commissioners wishes to recognize Friel Lumber Company, S.E.W.Friels, its employees, and the Friel family for their commitment and contribution to Queen Anne’s County’s economy and to congratulate Friel Lumber Company on its 120th Anniversary.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** We have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Queen Anne’s County to be affixed this   24   day of October, 2023

**THE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF  
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**

---

James J. Moran, President,  
At Large

---

---

---

Todd R. Mohn, County Administrator

---

Jack N. Wilson, Jr.,  
1<sup>st</sup> District

---

Margie Houck, Clerk

---

Patrick McLaughlin,  
2<sup>nd</sup> District

---

Philip L. Dumenil,  
3<sup>rd</sup> District

---

Christopher M. Corchiarino,  
4<sup>th</sup> District