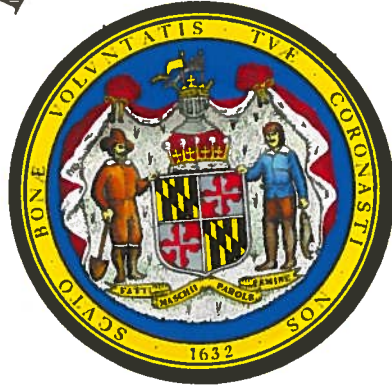


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH NOVEMBER 2020

- WHEREAS,** *The assemblage of the American Indian in the State of Maryland is immense, stretching from the aesthetic mountains to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and beyond; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Many of our islands, towns, forest, trails, rivers, streams and historical landmarks bear ties to our Indigenous Tribes/Clans/Bands/Groups of Indians; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The humbled members of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to edify the public with infallible facts and spirit of the American Indian people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During a time of pandemic, commissioners and tribal leaders of the State of Maryland supported initiatives to further progress for health of Indigenous families; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland celebrates the culture and history of all native peoples including members of Maryland State Recognized Tribes, Piscataway Indian Nation, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, and the Accohannock Tribe; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Indigenous Peoples celebrate more than 40 years of service by the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and by regulation, establish and oversee a process for an Indian community that is indigenous to the State to apply to the Commission for recognition of Maryland Indian status; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is pleased to recognize November as American Indian Heritage Month as we celebrate to designate November as one of the commemorative months in the State of Maryland and all Marylanders are encouraged to acknowledge and join in this grand achievement.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH in Maryland and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of November
Two Thousand and twenty*



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Wabon
Secretary of State