

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH NOVEMBER 2022

- WHEREAS,** *The history of the American Indian in the State of Maryland is immense, stretching from the mountains to the stunning 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 join in celebration with St. Mary's College of Maryland, in the ongoing 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 generational health for tribal communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland celebrates the culture and diversity of all Indigenous peoples including members of Maryland State Recognized Tribes, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, Piscataway Indian Nation and the Accohannock Tribe; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland recognizes 48 years of service by the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and by regulation, establish and to 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 commemorate 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 2022 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-two

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State