



The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

INDIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

WHEREAS, The Indian Cultural Association of Howard County has served as a vital force for cultural enrichment, civic engagement, and humanitarian service throughout Maryland, fostering pride in Indian heritage and promoting unity across diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, The Festival of India—now in its seventh year—stands as Maryland's largest celebration of Indian culture, welcoming over 20,000 attendees annually to experience the richness of Indian traditions through music, dance, cuisine, fashion, art, and educational exhibits; and

WHEREAS, This vibrant festival not only showcases the beauty and diversity of Indian culture, but also strengthens Maryland's social fabric by encouraging cross-cultural understanding, intergenerational connection, and community pride; and

WHEREAS, The Indian Cultural Association's commitment to service is exemplified by its distribution of over 3.5 million pounds of food to families in need, reflecting the values of compassion, dignity, and equity that define Maryland's spirit; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognizes the importance of celebrating cultural diversity and honoring organizations that uplift communities through both cultural expression and humanitarian action

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, as INDIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY 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 20th day of September
Two Thousand and twenty-five*


Governor


Lt. Governor


Secretary of State

