

# Office of the Governor



## 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  
20<sup>th</sup>  
day of  
September  
Two Thousand  
and twenty-five



Wes Moore  
Governor  
  
   
Anna Miller  
Lt. Governor  
  
   
Sean O'Leary  
Secretary of State