The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MONTH
SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2019

WHEREAS, In recognition of Maryland as the most powerful destination for authentic Underground Railroad history and in commemoration of all those involved in the Underground Railroad, including Maryland’s courageous Harriet Tubman, the brilliant orator Frederick Douglass and thousands of freedom seekers; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation of the inspiring efforts of the people of Maryland and all those from around the world who have committed themselves to document and share the Underground Railroad through the National Park Service’s National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Sites of Memory designations; and

WHEREAS, International Underground Railroad Month provides an opportunity for world-wide open dialogue that illuminates the hopes that arise from freedom for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2019 as INTERNATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MONTH in Maryland and do commend this observance to all Marylanders.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of September
Two Thousand and nineteen

Governor

Lt. Governor

Secretary of State