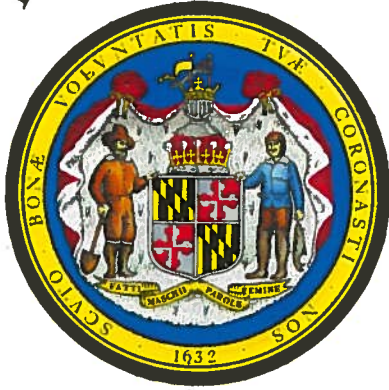


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**MARYLAND TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK
MAY 2 - MAY 8, 2021**

- WHEREAS,** *The travel and tourism industries have historically offered employment and business opportunities to a large segment of Maryland's citizens, and have created enjoyable, meaningful, and memorable experiences for those living and traveling throughout our state; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The positive impact of social distancing, wearing masks, hand sanitizing and immunization against COVID-19 throughout the state, in addition to the tenacity and ingenuity of travel and tourism workers and business owners, has allowed an industry that was more negatively impacted by the pandemic than most other industries to recover to a point where patrons, fans and tourists may once again enjoy their favorite venues, hotels, restaurants, sports and entertainment designations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The travel and tourism trends show an increase in those willing to travel to again enjoy all that the travel and tourism industries have to offer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Department of Commerce Office of Tourism, the Maryland Tourism Coalition, and the state's various trade associations, organizations, and businesses supporting travel and tourism have joined together to bring the industries back to normalcy with ardent vigor and dedication; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland has, and will continue, to be a leader in protecting its citizens, visitors, and businesses against the negative impact of the pandemic.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2 - MAY 8, 2021 as MARYLAND TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all Marylanders.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 2nd day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Winkler
Secretary of State