



EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

*On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County,
Maryland*

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of those who were enslaved in the United States, and honors June 19, 1865 - the day the news of the abolition of slavery reached Texas, the last population of people in the country to be told the news of freedom - as the symbolic end to slavery in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a holiday of education, reflection, and celebration - it is a time to educate ourselves on the history of our country, reflect on the current state of our nation, and redouble our efforts to rid our society of its shameful legacy of racism, discrimination, and inequity, and to celebrate the end of enslavement; and

WHEREAS, In 2020 we joined members of the community for the Juneteenth March for Justice and Prayer Vigil after the murder of Mr. George Floyd, in 2021 we joined Ms. Phyllis "Tee" Adams and the Annapolis Juneteenth Planning Committee for our county's first Juneteenth Parade and Festival, and each year since we have come together in unity again; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County is committed to ensuring that we are truly The Best Place - For All, which is why we created the county's Office of Equity and Human Rights, recently passed the county's first-ever comprehensive anti-discrimination law, and continue to implement practices that address systemic racism, bias, and the injustices that weaken our county.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to educate ourselves on our nation's history and focus on what we can do to bring our county together and move us forward toward justice. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 19th Day of June in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.



STEUART L. PITTMAN
County Executive
June 19, 2024