

# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

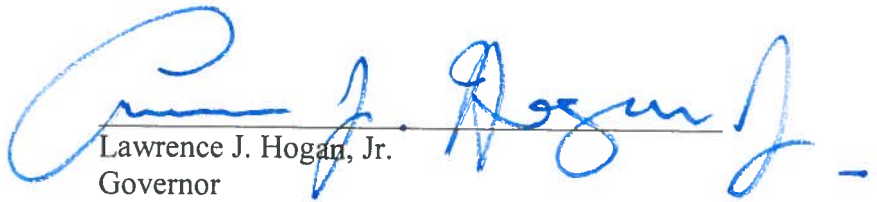
EXECUTIVE ORDER  
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“The Department of Commerce”

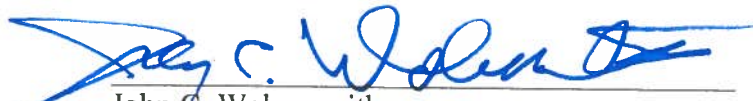
- WHEREAS, Cultivating robust economic growth, business development, and job creation requires effectively marketing Maryland’s vast commercial opportunities to businesses and investors;
- WHEREAS, The Hogan-Rutherford Administration advances the goals of the Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission (Augustine Commission) and Chapter 141 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015 by the change enacted herein;
- WHEREAS, The mission of the Department of Commerce will be to strengthen the Maryland economy by developing and implementing programs that aim to generate new jobs or retain existing jobs, attract business investment in new or expanding companies, and promote the State’s strategic assets; and
- WHEREAS, The Hogan-Rutherford Administration will present legislation to the Maryland General Assembly to be introduced in the 2016 Legislative Session to provide efficiency in reference to the Department of Commerce in conformance with the priorities of the Augustine Commission.
- NOW THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION, INCLUDING ARTICLE II, § 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION, AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:
- The Department of Business and Economic Development, which is scheduled to become known as the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce effective October 1, 2015, will henceforth and for all time be known as and titled the Department of Commerce.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of October, 2015.



  
Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State