

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **KOREAN AMERICAN DAY JANUARY 13, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** *On January 13, 1903, the first Korean immigrants arrived in the United States. These first immigrants and their descendants faced and overcame difficult conditions and created a vibrant and successful community that has fought for our nation's freedom and democratic way of life, and has been characterized by an unparalleled work ethic, a strong value for education, and an entrepreneurial spirit; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is fitting that we celebrate and honor Korean immigration to the United States, and the Korean American community's invaluable contributions to our rich cultural diversity, economic strength, and proud heritage; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Achievements and contributions of Korean Americans can be seen throughout the Nation in business, academia, arts, science, engineering, medicine, literature, journalism, government, the military and numerous other areas.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2016 as KOREAN AMERICAN 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 11th day of January  
Two Thousand and sixteen

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert K. Lathrop*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Womack*  
Secretary of State