

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **ARMED FORCES WEEK MAY 15 - MAY 21, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** *President Harry S. Truman led the effort to recognize all branches of the Armed Forces on a single day when the Department of Defense was formed; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Since the first official celebration of Armed Forces Day on May 20, 1950, each year the nation acknowledges and celebrates our Armed Forces; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The observance has expanded to Armed Forces Week, tribute is paid to the brave men and women, and their families, who have served our nation so selflessly with honor and distinction; and*
- WHEREAS,** *As our servicemen and women protect our freedom at home and abroad.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 15 - May 21, 2016 as ARMED FORCES WEEK 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 15th day of May  
Two Thousand and sixteen

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert K. Luttrell*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. W. W. W.*  
Secretary of State