



EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, in 1990 Congress passed and President George H. W. Bush signed into law a joint resolution designating the month of November as the first National Native American Heritage Month during which we honor the storied legacy, rich cultures, and historic military service of Native Americans and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, in honoring the cultures, traditions, and accomplishments of Native Americans that have shaped our country, we also acknowledge our nation's history of colonialism that has inflicted discrimination, deprivation, violence, and genocide upon Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway bands encountered by European settlers in Anne Arundel County included the Chaptico, the Moyaone, the Nanjemoy, and the Potapoco, some of whom continue to reside across the county today; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the State of Maryland officially recognized the Piscataway Conoy Tribe and the Piscataway Indian Nation, and we acknowledge that the Piscataway Indian Nation continues to maintain a long-standing kinship with the lands and waters our county occupies today; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion is developing a land acknowledgment statement that will bring attention to the Indigenous peoples who are or were once local to the lands currently occupied by Anne Arundel County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim November as National Native American Heritage Month in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to take the time to learn about our local Indigenous people and their contributions to our communities. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 1st Day of November in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steuart L. Pittman'.

STEUART L. PITTMAN
County Executive
November 1, 2022

