

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH JULY 2020**

- WHEREAS,** *It is important for our nation to encourage greater awareness of multicultural mental health needs, histories, successes, and practices in our county; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Professional counselors remain concerned about racial and cultural disparities that are still evident in the mental health treatment system in our nation impacting life outcomes across the life span; and*
- WHEREAS;** *Professional counselors encourage organizations and localities to eliminate barriers for professional counseling services in minority serving schools, colleges, mental health agencies, community agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice and other delivery settings; and*
- WHEREAS,** *An improved understanding of multicultural counseling and minority mental health will be beneficial to all; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is pleased to join in commending the important contributions made through the practice of multicultural counseling.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JULY 2020 as MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 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<sup>st</sup> day of July  
Two Thousand and nineteen

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Byrd R. Beyersford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Wolk*  
Secretary of State