

**Communication with the Governor Concerning Negro Handicapped Week
Began Third Sunday in May, 1936. To Be An Annual Affair.**

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W. W. Allen

April 30, 1936.

Governor Harry W. Nice
Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir: I am writing this letter to you in the interest of the Association for the Handicapped, Inc., of Baltimore. They are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary from May 17th to May 22nd. This organization is under the leadership of Mr. Robert W. Coleman, who is also handicapped by blindness.

As sponsor of this movement, he has so crystallized public interest until the school board has erected a magnificent school building for handicapped children at Schroeder and Franklin Streets.

Mr. Coleman is one of the foremost citizens of Maryland. He is a Mason; he also has the endorsement of civic and religious leaders of the city and State. Mrs. Marie Bauernschmidt knows of his work and would, I am sure, tell you much concerning his accomplishments.

The association, therefore, is asking that you issue a proclamation on declaring May 17th to May 22nd as Negro Handicapped Week through the city and State of Maryland.

I trust you shall see your way clear to grant this favor for this very worthy and commendable cause.

As I am leaving the city, please direct your communication to Mr. Robert W. Coleman, 1145 Myrtle Avenue.

Attached therewith is a personnel of the Association for the Handicapped, Inc.

Respectfully yours,

WILLARD W. ALLEN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Annapolis, Maryland

May 2, 1936.

Mr. Robert W. Coleman
1145 Myrtle Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Coleman: Governor Nice received a letter dated April 30th from Willard W. Allen of Baltimore requesting that the Governor issue a proclamation declaring May 17-22nd as Negro Handicapped Week.

Mr. Allen in his letter advises us he is leaving the City and asks that we communicate direct with you. I, therefore, will thank you to send me a form of Proclamation that you desire issued in order that I may take the matter up with Governor Nice.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) MURRAY G. HOOPER, Chief Clerk.

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May 5, 1936

Mr. Murray G. Hooper, Chief Clerk,
Executive Department, Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Hopper:

In compliance with your request of May 2, 1936, I am enclosing a form which I desire to be adopted if and when Governor Nice should decide to proclaim Negro Handicapped Week.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Gratefully yours,

ROBERT W. COLEMAN.