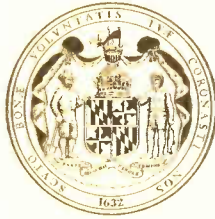


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Moore & Miller Inauguration Program



Inauguration Ceremony

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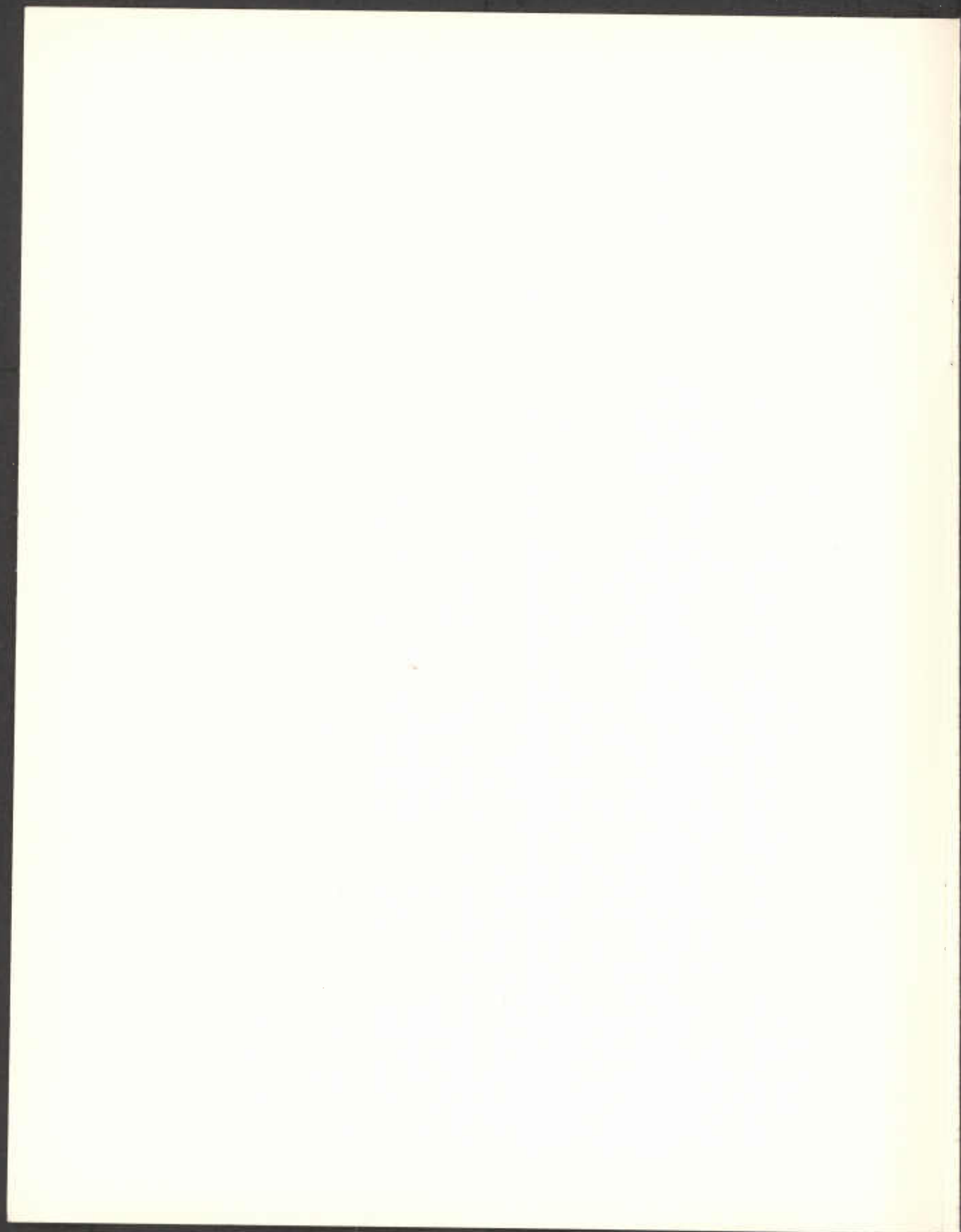
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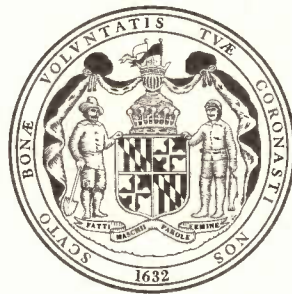
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PRE-INAUGURAL CEREMONY

229th Army Band
Maryland Army National Guard
First Sergeant Sarah McIver, Director

Meki's Tamure Polynesian Arts Group, Inc.
Polynesian Music and Dance
Meki and Kim Toalepai, Directors
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Cultura Plenera
Puerto Rican Music and Dance
Angel Rivera, Director
Howard County, Maryland

The Sensational Royal Lights
Gospel Quartet
Ty Elliott, Director
Dorchester County, Maryland

Bowie High School
Marching Bulldogs
James Jones, Director
Prince George's County, Maryland

Clarksburg High School
Chamber Singers
Amy Vanek, Director
Montgomery County, Maryland

SENATE CHAMBER CEREMONY

Invocation

Sri Thyagarajan Subburathinam
Pradhana Krishna Yajur Veda Smartha Vaidika Priest
Sri Bhaktha Anjaneya Temple
Frederick County, Maryland

Oath of Office – Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Matthew J. Fader
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Maryland

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Benediction

Sheikh Walid Eliwa
Imam and Quran Director
Dar Al-Taqwa Mosque
Howard County, Maryland



The Bhagavad Gita will be used for the Lieutenant Governor's Oath of Office. The Bhagavad Gita is the Manual of Life which gives us the means to discover true love and happiness within and share that with everyone in the outer world. The Bhagavad Gita is one of the most important religious texts in Hinduism.

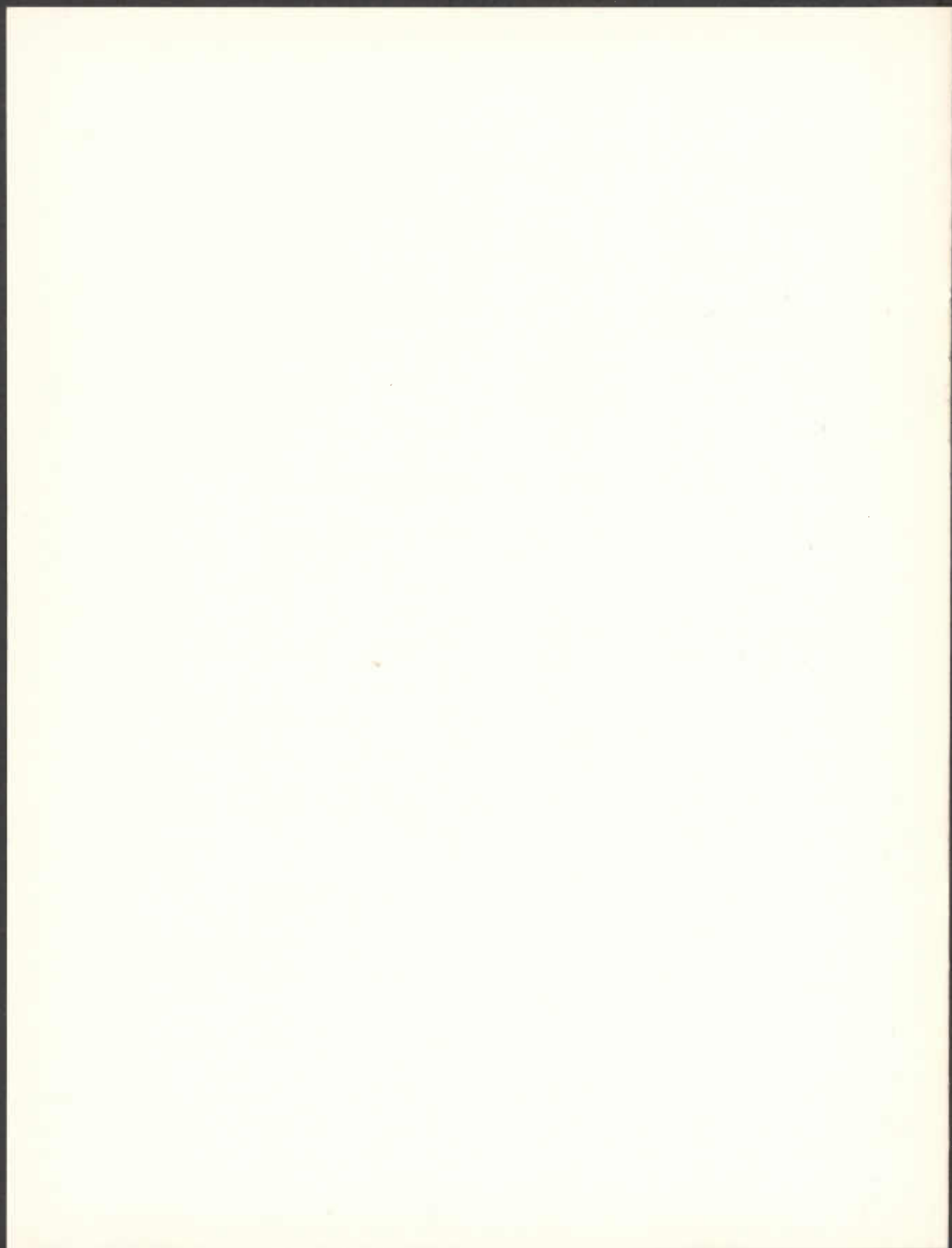
The Bible belonging to Maryland-born abolitionist, orator and statesman, Frederick Douglass, will be used for the Governor's Oath of Office. The Bible is part of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Museum collection, cared for by the National Park Service.

The Bible belonging to Governor Wes Moore's grandfather, Rev. Dr. James Thomas, who was the first Black minister in the history of the Dutch Reformed Church, will also be used for the Oath.

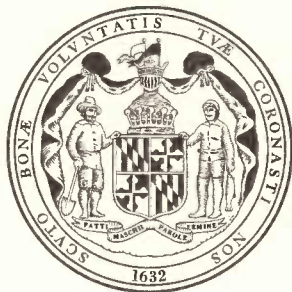
CEREMONY ON THE WEST PORTICO

Welcome	The Honorable Steuart L. Pittman, Jr. County Executive of Anne Arundel County Master of Ceremonies
"The Star Spangled Banner"	Parijita Bastola Anne Arundel County
Invocation	Bishop Donté L. Hickman, Sr. Southern Baptist Church Baltimore City, Maryland
Pledge of Allegiance	James Moore Son of Governor and Mrs. Dawn Flythe Moore
Swearing in of Lieutenant Governor	The Honorable Matthew J. Fader Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Maryland
"America the Beautiful"	U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club Dr. Aaron Smith, Director Anne Arundel County, Maryland
Presentation of Lieutenant Governor	Mecna Miller, Chloe Miller, and Sasha Miller Daughters of Lieutenant Governor and Mr. David Miller
Remarks of Lieutenant Governor	The Honorable Aruna K. Miller
"God Bless America"	Morgan State University Choir Dr. Eric Conway, Director Baltimore City, Maryland

Swearing in of Governor	The Honorable Matthew J. Fader Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Maryland
Nineteen Gun Salute	Army National Guard Salute Battery
Inaugural Flyover	Air National Guard 104th Fighter Squadron
Remarks	Lieutenant Colonel Jaime Martinez United States Army, Retired
Presentation of Governor	Oprah Winfrey
Inaugural Address	The Honorable Wes Moore
Benediction	Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt Congregation B'nai Tzedek Montgomery County, Maryland
Public Reception and Receiving Line	State House
Post Ceremony Musical Performance	229th Army Band Maryland Army National Guard First Sergeant Sarah McIver, Director Maryland Defense Force Band Chief Warrant Officer 5 (MMDF) Arnold Bundy, Director



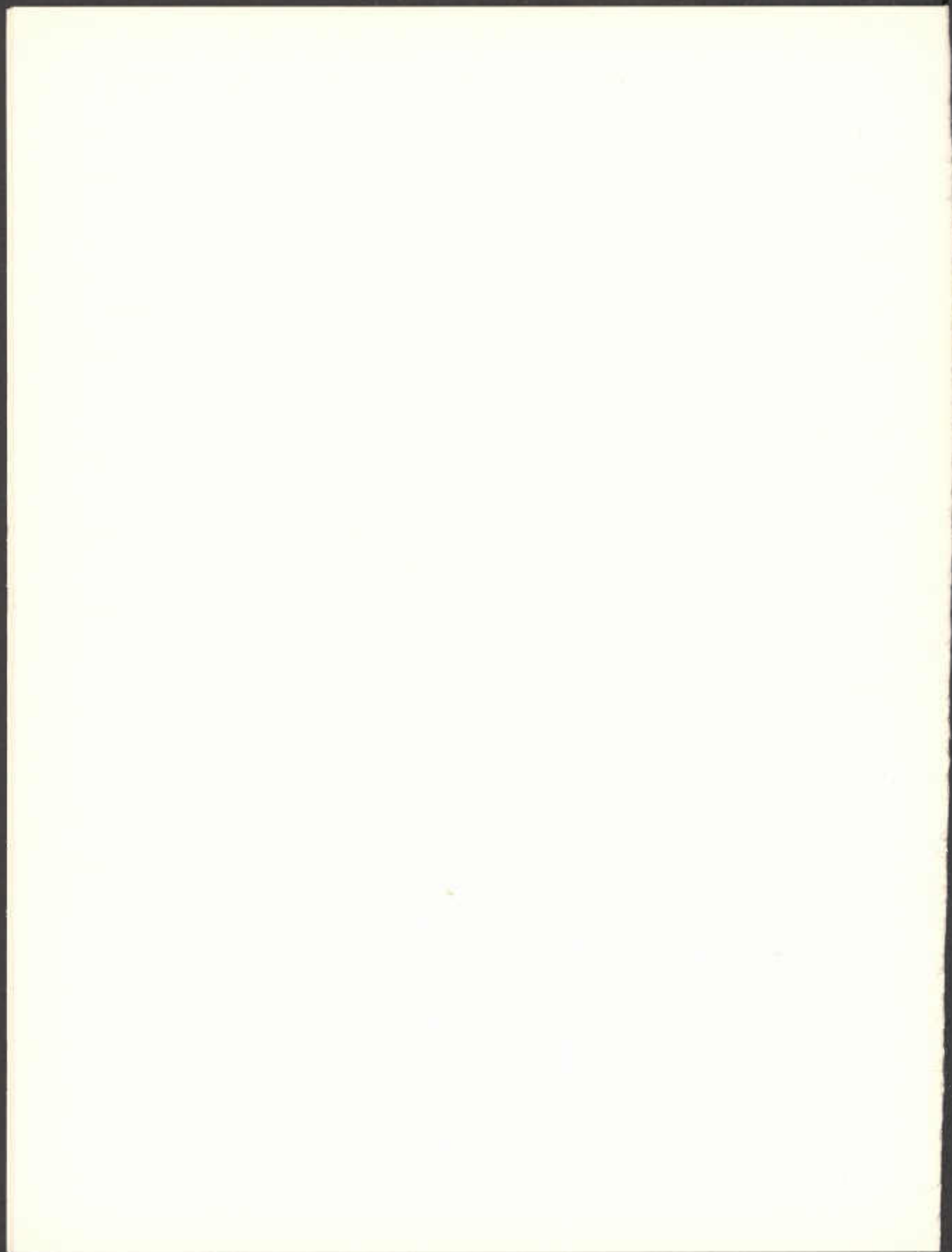
Inaugural Address



Westley Watende Omari Moore
Sixty-third Governor of Maryland

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR WES MOORE

Good afternoon, Maryland, and from the bottom of my heart, "thank you." It's our time.

President Ferguson, Speaker Jones, Members of the Maryland General Assembly, Members of our Congressional Delegation, County and City leaders thank you, all. It's an honor to be your partner.

To all the state workers who helped organize this inauguration, thank you. It's an honor to be your colleague.

Governor Hogan, we are grateful for the kindness you, and your team, have shown throughout this transition. Thank you for your eight years of service to the State we both love.

To my friend Oprah Winfrey, a Maryland girl at heart, thank you for your gracious and generous introduction. And thank you for always being in my corner.

To my wife, Dawn, our daughter, Mia, and our son, James, you are my heart, my soul, and my everything.

As I stand here today, looking out over Lawyers' Mall, at the memorial to Justice Thurgood Marshall, it's impossible not to think about our history. We are blocks away from the Annapolis docks, where so many enslaved people arrived in this country against their will. And we are standing in front of a capitol building built by their hands.

We have made uneven and unimaginable progress since then, history created by generations of people whose own history was lost, stolen, or never recorded. And not just people of color, but everyone. People who, over the last two centuries, fought to create a state, and a country, that works for everybody. That's why they worked as hard as they did. That's why they sacrificed. That's why they served.

There are two people who embody that spirit sitting right here in the front row. Two extraordinary women named Hema and Joy. Hema came to this country from India, Joy from Jamaica. They immigrated to America with hope in their hearts, not just for themselves, but for future generations. Today, they are sitting here at the inauguration of their children as the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State that helped welcome them to this country.

To Aruna's mother, Hema and to my mom, Joy, you both epitomize everything special about this state: the diversity — the idealism — the perseverance. You are proof that in Maryland, anything is possible.

Yes, Aruna's and my portraits are going to look a little different from the ones we've always seen in the Capitol. But that's not the point. This journey has never been about "making history." Today is not an indictment of the past; it is a celebration of our future. And today is our opportunity to begin a future so bright, it is blinding. But only if we are intentional, inclusive, disciplined in confronting challenges, making hard choices, and seizing the future in front of us.

Our State is truly remarkable. From the sandy beaches of the Eastern Shore to the rolling hills of Western Maryland to the shimmering Chesapeake Bay and to the small towns and vibrant communities that animate every part of our state. From my birthplace of Montgomery County to my adoptive home of Baltimore City and everywhere in between. Maryland is home to spectacular natural beauty, dynamic industries, and people as talented as they are determined.

We have so much to be proud of. But the truth is - Maryland is asset-rich and strategy-poor. And for too long, we have left too many people behind. We know it is unacceptable that while Maryland has the highest median income in the country, one in three of our children still live in poverty. We know it is unacceptable that more than 50,000 Marylanders experience homelessness every year. We know it is unacceptable that more than 250,000 Marylanders lack health coverage, and almost 20 percent of households are burdened by medical debt.

We've been asked to accept that some of us must be left behind. That in order for some to win, others must lose. Not only that - but we have also come to expect that the people who have always lost, will keep losing. Well, I refuse to accept that. We refuse to accept that. Instead, I am asking you to believe that Maryland can be different.

That Maryland can be bold. That Maryland can lead. And that we will do it together. It is time for our policies to be as bold as our aspirations and to confront the fact that we have been offered false choices. We do not have to choose between a competitive economy and an equitable economy. Maryland should not be 43rd in unemployment, or 44th in the cost of doing business. We should not tolerate an 8-to-1 racial wealth gap, because one group of people certainly does not work eight times harder than the other.

We can attract and retain top industries, like aerospace, green energy, and cybersecurity and raise our minimum wage to \$15 an hour to help folks feed their families. Maryland can reward entrepreneurs who take bold risks and provide stability for families in need. This can be the best state in America to be an employer and an employee.

It shouldn't be a choice and it isn't a choice. We must do these things together.

Here is another false choice we often hear, that people must choose between feeling safe in their own communities and feeling safe in their own skin. Over the last eight years, the rate of violent crime has risen. Many Marylanders have, understandably, lost faith in their government's ability to keep them safe. We can build a police force that acts with integrity and accountability and embrace the fact that we can't militarize ourselves to safety. We can support our first responders who risk everything to protect us, and we can welcome people who have earned a second chance to return to our communities.

We will work with communities from West Baltimore to Westminster to share data so we can keep violent offenders off our streets. And we will work to change the inexcusable fact that Maryland incarcerates more Black boys between the ages of 18 and 24 than any other state. I know what it feels like to have handcuffs on my wrists. It happened to me when I was 11 years old. I also know what it's like to mourn the victims of violent crime. We do not have to choose between a safe state and a just state. Maryland can, and will, be both.

We are often told climate change is a problem for the future, or something you only have to worry about if you live on farmland or in a flood zone. But climate change is an existential threat for our entire state, and it's happening now. Confronting climate change represents another chance for Maryland to lead. We can be a leader in wind technology, grid electrification, and clean transit. These are choices.

We will protect our Chesapeake Bay and address the toxic air pollution that chokes our cities. And we will put Maryland on track to generate 100 percent clean energy by 2035 — creating thousands of jobs in the process. Clean energy will not just be part of our economy; clean energy will define our economy. This requires everyone — companies, communities, our government and the people — to take bold and decisive action, together.

We will also take bold and decisive action for our schools. We do not have to choose between giving our children an excellent education and an equitable one. We will ensure that every student knows their state loves and needs them, and we will create policies to help them thrive. We will invest in our special education students, English language learners,

LGBTQIA+ students, students experiencing homelessness, and every kid who needs a little extra help.

We will see to it that mental and behavioral health challenges do not prevent our children from accessing the education they need and deserve. We will invest in STEAM education to prepare our students for exciting new industries. We will recruit teachers, retain them, and give experienced educators incentives to teach where they're needed most. And while Maryland is home to some of the world's greatest institutions of higher education — a fact of which we should be very proud — we must end the myth that young people must attend them to be successful.

Every student in Maryland will know that there are many paths to success and fulfillment and those paths begin with high-quality, highly inclusive schools from Pre-K through 12th grade. In our schools, ambition and opportunity must meet. My own journey started in military school, where I learned one of my core values: Service. I went on to serve as a U.S. Army Captain in Afghanistan. My years of service transformed me. My character was strengthened, my vistas were widened, my leadership was tested — and developed.

I want every young Marylander, of every background, in every community, to have the opportunity to serve our state. That is why we will offer a service year option for all high school graduates. A year of service will prepare young people for their careers and provide our state with future leaders - public servants we desperately need. We will make Maryland a state of service and give our young people greater ownership of our future.

The challenges we face will require us to answer the call of service. Our teachers and firefighters, our police officers and civil servants, our nurses, union members, and working parents. You've elected me to serve as your Governor, but the work ahead we must do together.

In the Army, one question I never asked my soldiers was, "What political party do you belong to?" Because that doesn't matter when we share the same goal. And that is how I plan to govern: For all Marylanders. For those who did not vote for me, I will work to earn your support; for those who did, I will work to keep it.

Now, to work together, we must get to know each other again. To come together across lines of difference — both real and perceived — to build uncommon coalitions. Because the simple fact is that we need each other; we all have a role to play.

Maryland in this moment, we are called, each of us: to make our economy more competitive and more equitable; to keep our communities strong and our neighbors safe; to lead the fight against climate change and for our planet's future; to give all our children an excellent education; and to make Maryland a state of service. We are called to be bold. To work together.

This is a moment people have dreamed of for generations. Those whose shoulders we stand on would ask us to view today not as a celebration — but as an opportunity. An opportunity to lead with love. To create with compassion. To fight fearlessly for our future. Maryland this is our opportunity to build a state that those who came before us would be proud of, a state that leaves no one behind. That is not a slogan; it is a fulfillment of a hope. It is our mission.

It's our time, Maryland. Let's lead.

Thank you.

