

# Kent County Maryland Proclamation

## International Underground Railroad Month

- WHEREAS,** In recognition of Maryland as being the most powerful destination for authentic Underground Railroad history and in commemoration of all those involved in the Underground Railroad, including Maryland's courageous Harriet Tubman, the brilliant orator Frederick Douglass and thousands of freedom seekers; and
- WHEREAS,** In appreciation of the inspiring efforts of the people of Kent County and all those from around the world who have committed themselves to document and share the Underground Railroad through the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's Sites of Memory designations; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom acknowledges the significance of the Underground Railroad, and all those involved, for its contribution to the eradication of slavery in the United States and as a cornerstone for a more comprehensive civil rights movement that followed; and
- WHEREAS,** International Underground Railroad Month provides an opportunity for world-wide open dialogue that illuminates the hopes that arise from freedom for all people.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as International Underground Railroad Month in Kent County and do commend this observance to all Kent Countians.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

*P. Thomas Mason*

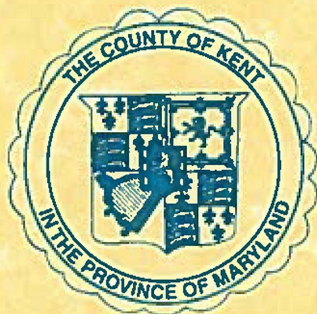
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