Executive Proclamation

Whereas... Veterans Day provides an opportunity to honor those who served in the United States Armed Forces, appreciate the families whose sacrifice and support are part of that service; and acknowledge the ongoing public service long after a uniform comes off or a formal title changes. Through public service, mentorship, faith and community leadership, family responsibility, and investment in the next generation, deep commitment to community continues; and

Whereas... As we bring together veterans, military families, public servants, community and faith leaders, mentors, families, young people, and others to reflect on service beyond position and recognize the people and communities shaped by sacrifice, the experience today will also highlight military-family support, next-generation leadership, mentorship, restoration, and the importance of creating stronger conditions in which people can grow and serve; and

Whereas... Howard County Government proudly joins Howard County resident and U.S. Navy veteran Avery Q. Muse, Sr., who has followed a rare public-service journey from enlisted sailor to the Senior Executive Service with defense agencies and partners, as he releases his book *The Rooms I Had to Earn: A Memoir of Faith, Leadership, and Service Beyond the Title* and celebrates this occasion for a broader civic reflection on leadership, formation, responsibility, and service.

Now therefore, I... Calvin Ball, County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim

November 11, 2026

Service Beyond the Uniform Day

In Howard County, Maryland

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have set my hand and affixed the seal of Howard County, Maryland, on this 11th day of November 2026*

Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive