



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Subject Isiah “Ike” Leggett Executive Office Building	Executive Order No. 179-24	Subject Suffix
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**Montgomery County, Maryland
Office of the County Executive**

Executive Order No. 179-24, Isiah “Ike” Leggett Executive Office Building

WHEREAS,

Isiah “Ike” Leggett’s life exemplifies the American dream and the power of education, perseverance, and public service; and

Born in 1944 in segregated Louisiana as one of 13 children in a four-room house without indoor plumbing, Ike Leggett rose to become a distinguished military graduate, an accomplished attorney, a respected law professor, and a trailblazing public servant; and

Ike Leggett’s dedication to civil rights began in his youth, meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while leading both campus protests and Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) drills as a student at Southern University; and

His commitment to service led him to volunteer for the U.S. Army, where he earned the Bronze Star for his tour of duty in Vietnam; and

Ike Leggett’s pursuit of education resulted in four higher education degrees, including graduating first in his class from Howard University Law School; and

His career in public service spans decades, including selection as a White House Fellow, four terms as an At-Large Member of the Montgomery County Council, and three terms as Montgomery County Executive; and

Ike Leggett made history as the first African American elected to the Montgomery County Council and later as the first African American County Executive; and

Throughout his career, Ike Leggett has been a champion for diversity, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement, ensuring that every resident of Montgomery County has a voice in local government; and

His leadership extended beyond Montgomery County, serving as President of the County Executives of



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America and the Maryland Association of Counties; and

Ike Leggett’s commitment to community service is evidenced by his involvement with numerous civic and community organizations, addressing issues from civil rights to education to public health; and

His exemplary public service has been recognized with over 1,200 honors and awards, including being named a “Washingtonian of the Year” by Washingtonian Magazine in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power invested in me as County Executive for Montgomery County, Maryland, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, in recognition of Ike Leggett's extraordinary life of public service, his unwavering commitment to the residents of Montgomery County, and his enduring legacy as a leader who broke barriers and brought people together, the Executive Office Building at 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland, will be renamed the Isiah “Ike” Leggett Executive Office Building.

This order takes effect upon the date signed by the County Executive.

Marc Elrich
County Executive

11/13/2024

Date

Approved as to form and legality –
Office of the County Attorney

Erin J. Ashbarr

11/5/2024

Date