

The Governor of the State of Maryland



To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

«**Know Ye,**» That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity, and abilities of

JAMES P. HOWARD

I do appoint him/her SECOND LIEUTENANT in the

«**Maryland Defense Force**»

to rank as such from the 31ST day of DECEMBER two thousand and SIX

He/she is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of the office to which he/she is appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under his/her command to be obedient to his/her orders. And he/she is to observe and follow such orders and directions as he/she shall receive from the Governor of the State of Maryland or from the superior officers set over him/her according to the laws for the regulation and government of the Maryland Defense Force.

This commission will continue in force until lawfully revoked.

«**Given under my hand at Annapolis,**» this 29TH day of AUGUST in the year of our Lord two thousand and SEVEN

Dwight F. Truesdell
The Adjutant General

John P. Kelly
Governor