

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
FALLEN HEROES DAY
MAY 5, 2023

WHEREAS,

Fallen Heroes Day, held each year on the first Friday in May, is a statewide event that honors Maryland police, firefighters, and emergency medical/rescue personnel who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS,

Fallen Heroes Day is the only statewide ceremony in the nation that brings together all segments of the public safety community; and,

WHEREAS,

Fallen Heroes Day is also an opportunity for the public to show their appreciation for those who risk their lives every day to protect the citizens of Maryland; and,

WHEREAS,

2023 is the 38th annual observance at the Fallen Heroes Memorial at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens; and,

WHEREAS,

each year, the ceremony recognizes one firefighter and one police officer who died in the line of duty before Fallen Heroes Day was established; and,

WHEREAS,

This year honors: Lt. John T. Killian, Jr., age 51, a 26-year veteran of the Baltimore City Fire Department who died on March 10, 1985, when the floor collapsed as he was battling a rowhouse fire on Hudson Street; and,

WHEREAS,

This year honors: Lt. Colonel Harry L. George, age 54, a 25-year veteran of the Maryland Natural Resources Police who died on October 24, 1978, from injuries sustained two months earlier when the Maryland Department of Natural Resources plane crashed near Edgewater, Maryland; and,

WHEREAS,

All Marylanders join in honoring those who died in the line of duty, serving their fellow Marylanders and keeping the state safe from harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 5, 2023 as FALLEN HEROES DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 5th day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-three

Governor

Aruna Miller

Lt. Governor
Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State

