The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 2023

WHEREAS, The state of Maryland is a welcoming and diverse state and is committed to building a state that promotes inclusion and equity, and is committed to creating a safe, affirming, and welcome environment for all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, More than 500,000 residents in Maryland identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, agender, asexual, aromantic, and additional gender and sexual identities, each of whom make meaningful contributions to our communities, economy, culture, arts, and our history; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month celebrates the contributions, resilience, courage, and joy of our LGBTQIA+ family, friends, and neighbors and serves as a powerful reminder of the challenges and discrimination that queer people face in their daily lives, including barriers to healthcare, housing, education, and employment; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the progress we have made towards full equality and equity for our LGBTQIA+ community members and reflect on the work that remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is proud to celebrate our vibrant LGBTQIA+ communities and is committed to creating a home where transgender, nonbinary, Two Spirit, and gender diverse people thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 2023 as LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH 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 1st day of June
Two Thousand and twenty-three

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Governor

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Secretary of State