

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY  
OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *The diversity of our community is a source of strength and pride; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Every individual deserves the right to be their authentic selves, free from discrimination, prejudice, and fear; and*
- WHEREAS,** *National Coming Out Day is a day to celebrate the courage and strength of LGBTQIA+ individuals who have embraced their true selves and shared their identities with the world; and*
- WHEREAS,** *By recognizing and celebrating National Coming Out Day, we affirm our commitment to creating a society that values and respects the identities and experiences of all its members; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Our community is enriched and made stronger by the diversity of its members, and we stand united in support of LGBTQIA+ individuals.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 11, 2023 as NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY in Maryland, and encourage all Marylanders to join in celebrating this day to offer support and acceptance to LGBTQIA+ individuals, and to work toward a more inclusive and equitable society where everyone can live authentically and without fear.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and twenty-three

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*  
Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*  
Secretary of State