

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **MARYLAND'S YEAR OF CIVIL RIGHTS LAUNCH EVENT OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *The year 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the state of Maryland, along with the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, declares the year 2024 as Maryland's Year of Civil Rights; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Civil Rights Act was a milestone in American democracy and justice, dismantling Jim Crow laws and paving a way for racial and gender equality throughout the nation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We honor Maryland civil rights heroes such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Lillie Carroll Jackson, Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, Senator Verda Freeman Welcome, Gloria Richardson, and many others, some known and unnamed, many who risked their lives to make American democracy attainable for all; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We invite tourists and residents of Maryland to visit the many Civil Rights historic sites and museums throughout our state that inspires and educates people of all backgrounds; and*
- WHEREAS,** *As a state, once at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement, we are dedicated to preserving and sharing this groundbreaking moment in American history.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim 2024 as THE YEAR OF CIVIL RIGHTS in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in this observance.**

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and twenty-three*



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Governor

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Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*  
Secretary of State