

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
NOVEMBER 20, 2023

- WHEREAS,** *Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Transgender Day of Remembrance was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is vitally important to remember those whom we have lost, and that we continue to fight for justice; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is proud to celebrate our vibrant transgender community and is committed to creating a home where transgender people thrive.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 20, 2023 as TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 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 20th day of November
Two Thousand and twenty-three

Wes Moore
Governor

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Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State