

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
MARCH 2024

- WHEREAS,** *Since our nation's founding, millions of Irish have immigrated to America with a spirit of determination and optimism that has strengthened our country's character and enriched our history; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The friendship between Ireland and the United States has deep roots, and Irish-Americans have played an integral role in making our country a place of hope and opportunity. During Irish American Heritage Month, we recognize the vital contributions of Irish Americans to our State; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Since our founding, Irish immigrants have come to America's shores through the Port of Baltimore in search of better lives and millions of American citizens are of Irish descent, and they and their forebears have helped shape our way of life, strengthened our economy, contributed to the arts, and protected our way of life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During the month of March, it is appropriate to reflect on our past and how Irish-Americans helped create the State we live in today. This month-long celebration provides an opportunity to applaud the achievements of all our Irish-American citizens; and*
- WHEREAS,** *All Marylanders join in honoring the proud history and many accomplishments of Americans of Irish ancestry, who contribute to our nation in virtually every aspect of life.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2024 as IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE 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 March
Two Thousand and twenty-four

Wes Moore
Governor

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Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State