

## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

## THE 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

WHEREAS,

On this historic day sixty years ago, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed into law, marking a pivotal

moment in the journey toward equality and justice for all Americans; and

WHEREAS,

This landmark legislation, courageously championed by leaders and activists who fought tirelessly for civil rights, dismantled Jim Crow laws and paved the 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, who risked their lives to make American democracy

attainable for all; and

WHEREAS,

The legacy of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 continues to inspire ongoing efforts to confront systemic injustices, promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, and advance the cause of civil rights for all marginalized communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim

JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 as THE 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIIVL RIGHTS ACT in Maryland, and call upon the people of

