

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is the most powerful destination for authentic Underground Railroad History and is home to Maryland Freedom Fighters; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The inspiring efforts of the people of Maryland and all those from around the world who have committed themselves to document and share the Underground Railroad through the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom should be celebrated and recognized; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The efforts of various tourism venues and destination marketing organizations throughout Maryland work stridently to perpetuate interest in the history and current-day impact of the Underground Railroad; and*
- WHEREAS,** *International Underground Railroad Month provides an opportunity for worldwide dialog that illuminates the hopes that arise from freedom for all people.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2024 as INTERNATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MONTH 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 1st day of September
Two Thousand and twenty-four



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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State