

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2026

- WHEREAS,** *We believe in a Maryland that recognizes the unlimited potential for all our citizens, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to live, work, and thrive in our communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the importance of ensuring inclusive environments with equal access to communication, education, employment, housing, transportation, community integration, and public accommodations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland supports those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to make their own decisions, live where and with whomever they choose, and receive the support they need to be successful, productive, and independent community members; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is proud to be a leader in opening pathways to work, wages, and wealth for all, including being one of the first states in the country to stand up an Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy, to connect Marylanders with disabilities with good-paying jobs and opportunities to serve; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity, access, and choice for Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We reaffirm our promise of a Maryland in which all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the knowledge, opportunity, and influence to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others, recognizing that our communities are stronger when everyone participates.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2026 as DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation 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-six

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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State

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Secretary of State