

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

PEACE CORPS WEEK MARCH 1 - 7, 2026

- WHEREAS,** *The Peace Corps stands as a lasting symbol of America's commitment to fostering progress, creating opportunity, strengthening communities around the world, and promoting America's global competitiveness; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Since its founding in 1961, approximately 250,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 144 countries, and over the past 65 years, 6,815 men and women from the State of Maryland have answered the call to service by joining the Peace Corps; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland launched the Department of Service and Civic Innovation in 2023, becoming the first state in the nation with a cabinet-level department dedicated to service; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Through the Department of Service and Civic Innovation, Maryland is the first state in the nation to offer a Service Year Option, which gives high school graduates a chance to engage in paid service and career development, and Maryland Corps, which allows Marylanders of all ages to secure the future of the state through their service; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Peace Corps Volunteers have made meaningful and enduring contributions in areas such as agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health, and youth in development, improving lives and strengthening communities worldwide; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Through their service, Peace Corps Volunteers build bonds of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other nations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Upon returning home, these Volunteers demonstrate a commitment to public and private sector service, and share their experience, leadership, management, communication, and intercultural skills, enriching communities across our state and nation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *This Peace Corps Week, Maryland recognizes the achievements of the Peace Corps and honors its Volunteers, past and present, while reaffirming our nation's commitment to empowering people to help themselves, and calls on all people to join us in this effort.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 1 - 7, 2026 as PEACE CORPS WEEK 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

Handwritten signature of Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Oruna Miller, Lt. Governor of Maryland.

Handwritten signature of Susan C. Lee, Secretary of State of Maryland.

Secretary of State

