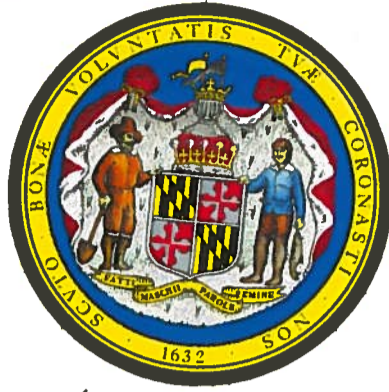


# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2021**

- WHEREAS,** *Mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and*
- WHEREAS,** *All Americans face challenges in life that can impact their mental health, especially during a pandemic; and*
- WHEREAS,** *There are practical tools that all people can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *With effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention and treatment efforts.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2021 as MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Maryland to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible service for all people with mental health conditions.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of May  
Two Thousand and twenty-one

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Byrd K. Lutherford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Wolk*  
Secretary of State