

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND MAY 21, 2026

- WHEREAS,** *The men and women of the United States Armed Forces have served our nation with honor, courage, and dedication, protecting the freedoms and democratic values cherished by all Americans; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, and Reserve Components have answered the call to serve in times of war, conflict, and peace, often at great personal sacrifice; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has been a leader in enacting laws that ensure veterans, servicemembers, and military families are supported, including the Keep Our Heroes Home Act, Health Care for Heroes Act, Families Serve Act, and Time to Serve Act; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is the first state in the country to rename its state-level veterans agency to the Department of Veterans and Military Families, to align with its mission to support all who serve, including military families; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Prince George's County is home to the highest number of veteran residents of any county in Maryland, a diverse community of patriots whose service has strengthened the county, state, and nation through leadership, professionalism, and ongoing civic engagement; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Veterans contribute not only through military service but also as public servants, educators, first responders, business leaders, volunteers, and mentors, enriching the communities in which they live; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is fitting and proper for the residents of Prince George's County to recognize, honor, and express gratitude to all who have worn the uniform of the United States, regardless of era, branch, or duty status, and all Maryland residents are encouraged to take this day to honor and thank veterans for their selfless service and sacrifice, and to reaffirm our collective commitment to supporting veterans and their families.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 21, 2026 as VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, 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 21st day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-six

Wes Moore
Governor

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Lt. Governor
Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State

