

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES DAY  
FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland recognizes the courage, sacrifice, and relentless efforts of civil rights and abolition leaders throughout history and reaffirms our commitment to be a land of opportunity, hope, and justice for every citizen; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The contributions of the nation's civil rights leaders transcend race, nationality, and religion, and their message of human rights and equality continue to resonate throughout the world today; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is the birthplace of countless individuals who have been nationally and internationally recognized for their advocacy for the equal treatment of all people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *February 20<sup>th</sup> was the day of passing of Frederick Douglass, commonly referred to as the "Father of America's Civil Rights Movement," and the State of Maryland is committed to promoting his life and legacy which continue to live on through the tireless efforts of all who demonstrate a willingness to serve in whatever capacity necessary to promote equal opportunity; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The citizens of Maryland have displayed an unwavering dedication to keeping the spirit of the countless civil rights champions through their efforts to build more equal and inclusive communities.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wes Moore, GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 20, 2023 as CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES DAY in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.**



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February  
Two Thousand And twenty-three*

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*

*Lt. Governor*

*Susan C. Lee*

*Secretary of State*