

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH  
JUNE 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *The state of Maryland is a welcoming and diverse state and is committed to building a state that promotes inclusion and equity, and is committed to creating a safe, affirming, and welcome environment for all of its residents; and*
- WHEREAS,** *More than 500,000 residents in Maryland identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, agender, asexual, aromantic, and additional gender and sexual identities, each of whom make meaningful contributions to our communities, economy, culture, arts, and our history; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Pride Month celebrates the contributions, resilience, courage, and joy of our LGBTQIA+ family, friends, and neighbors and serves as a powerful reminder of the challenges and discrimination that queer people face in their daily lives, including barriers to healthcare, housing, education, and employment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We recognize the progress we have made towards full equality and equity for our LGBTQIA+ community members and reflect on the work that remains to be done; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is proud to celebrate our vibrant LGBTQIA+ communities and is committed to creating a home where transgender, nonbinary, Two Spirit, and gender diverse people thrive.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 2023 as LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



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

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*

*Susan C. Lee*  
Lt. Governor

Secretary of State