

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2015

- WHEREAS,** *In 2015 alone, approximately 4,730 Maryland women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated, 810 will die of the disease, making breast cancer the second-most frequently diagnosed cancer in women; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history or other risk factors for the disease; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The screening and early detection of breast cancer are vital to the health and well-being of Maryland women; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Research shows that screening mammograms can help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer among women, however, only 56 percent of Maryland women report having a clinical breast exam and mammogram within the past year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is pleased to join with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to encourage women to learn about their risk for breast cancer, talk to their health care provider about recommended breast cancer screenings, and be screened with clinical breast exams and mammograms, as appropriate.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2015 as BREAST CANCER AWARENESS 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 October
Two Thousand and fifteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Pittsford
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State