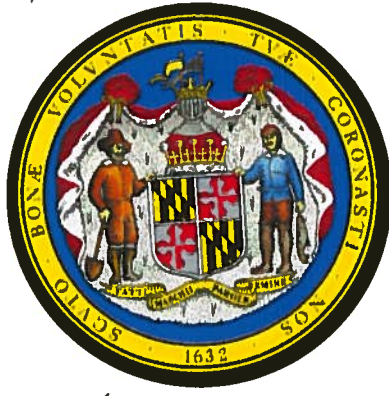


# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**MARYLAND SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK  
OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2018**

- WHEREAS,** *Schools make substantial contributions to the future of Maryland and to the development of our state's young people as knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizens; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The safety and well-being of many students, teachers and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism and absenteeism, in our schools; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is the responsibility of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by helping to ensure fair and effective discipline, promote good citizenship, and generally make schools safe and secure; and*
- WHEREAS,** *All leaders especially those in education, law enforcement, government and business should eagerly collaborate with each other to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop and promote innovative answers to these critical issues; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Numerous schools and school districts throughout the state, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The observance of Maryland Safe Schools Week will substantially promote efforts to provide all our schools with positive and safe learning climates.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2018 as MARYLAND SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK 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 21st day of October  
Two Thousand and eighteen

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert K. Lutherford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Winkler*  
Secretary of State