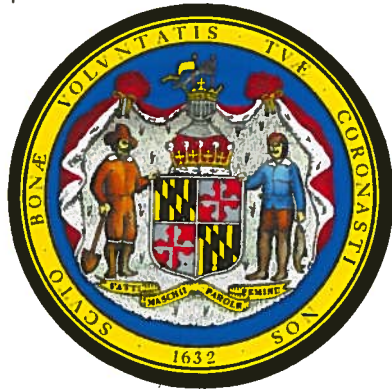


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

EASTER BUNNY "ESSENTIAL SERVICE DAY" **APRIL 12, 2020**

WHEREAS, *The tradition of the annual Easter Egg hunt has been celebrated by generations of Marylanders, but April 12, 2020 will mark an important change to that beloved holiday ritual; and*

WHEREAS, *People throughout the world are practicing social distancing due to the coronavirus pandemic making it necessary to celebrate our family Easter holiday in a creative "stay at home way;" and*

WHEREAS, *Maryland is pleased to designate the legendary Easter Bunny as an essential worker - who is allowed to roam the state bringing Easter happiness and joy to Marylanders of all ages,*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 12, 2020 as EASTER BUNNY "ESSENTIAL SERVICE DAY" 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 12th day of April
Two Thousand and twenty

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. Wetherell
Secretary of State