

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT JULY 26, 2020

- WHEREAS,** *On July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), This act was landmark legislation to protect the civil rights of individuals with disabilities and ensure the same basic freedoms-independence, equal access, freedom of choice, and inclusion-are guaranteed for those with disabilities as to every other citizens; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We believe in a Maryland which recognizes the unlimited potential for all our citizens, including those with disabilities, to live, work, and thrive in our communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act is an opportunity to recognize the importance of ensuring inclusive environments with equal access to communications, education, employment, housing, transportation, and public accommodation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We are changing Maryland for the better by promoting equality of opportunity, access, and choice for Marylanders with disabilities. We are committed to the promise of a Maryland in which all people with disabilities have the knowledge and influence to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JULY 26, 2020 as a day of observance of the progress made in the 30 years since the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and recognize our communities are stronger when everyone participates. We do commend this observance to all of our citizens and encourage them to participate and promote events throughout the year which celebrate the rights and abilities of those with disabilities.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 26th day of July
Two Thousand and twenty

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Woburn
Secretary of State

