WHEREAS, Walking is the State of Maryland’s official exercise; and

WHEREAS, The Administration encourages walking for accessibility and health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Walking is a critical component of well being for people throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, Walking, with or without assistance, is an activity available to people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Walking is a key element of Maryland’s transportation and recreation network; and

WHEREAS, The Administration seeks to heighten awareness of pedestrian safety, and to emphasize the importance of walking and walkability as part of community well-being; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has established a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and a 20-year Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to help safely connect trails and other pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The WALKTOBER initiative builds from core agency partnerships to strengthen awareness of key resources, needs, and opportunities to support and encourage safe walking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2020 as WALKTOBER 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, the 1st day of October, Two Thousand and twenty.

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Governor

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Secretary of State