

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **WALKTOBER OCTOBER 2020**

- 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,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and twenty

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Byrd K. Butlerford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Womack*  
Secretary of State