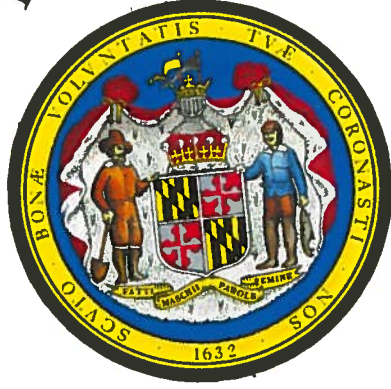


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

MARYLAND MAGICICADA MONTHS MAY and JUNE 2021

- WHEREAS,** *Periodical cicadas—*Magicicada* spp.—in Brood X are making their long-awaited, but brief adult reappearance in Maryland after 17 years living underground as root-feeding nymphs; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Although noisy and clumsy, periodical cicadas are totally harmless to the populace and natural resources of Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The great popular and scientific interest in periodical cicadas remind us every 17 years of the need to protect the environment, as they are inseparably tied to the health of Maryland's landscape and forests; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Periodical cicadas proudly display the official colors of the Free State, with their beautiful yellow-orange wings, black bodies, and stunning red eyes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Brood X periodical cicadas offer a harmless, short diversion from the more serious aspects of modern life.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY and JUNE 2021 as MARYLAND MAGICICADA MONTHS in Maryland, and commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State