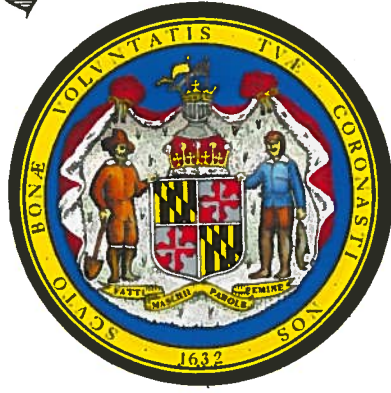


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

HEALTHCARE HEROES APPRECIATION WEEK

FEBRUARY 7 - 13, 2022

- WHEREAS,** *On January 4, 2022, the State of Maryland declared a 30-day state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 Omicron variant; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Our frontline health care workers, including doctors, nurses, EMS workers and first responders, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, mental health professionals, and critical clinic staff, have continued to lead the state's public health response with tireless professionalism; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Over the course of the 30-day state of emergency, the State of Maryland has reported substantial improvements in key health metrics, including significant declines in hospitalizations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Our frontline health care workers and their families deserve our deepest gratitude for their sacrifices; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Residents and organizations across Maryland wish to express their sincere appreciation to our frontline healthcare heroes for continuing to exemplify the definition of "Maryland Strong."*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 7 - 13, 2022 as HEALTHCARE HEROES APPRECIATION WEEK 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 7th day of February
Two Thousand and twenty-two

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Wolk
Secretary of State