

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *Multiple Sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving; is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, and every hour in the United States someone is newly diagnosed; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that in our state more than 9,000 people are living with this disease, and Multiple Sclerosis generally strikes young adults between the ages of 20 and 50, attacking them in the prime of their lives and affects more than 400,000 people nationwide; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and the progress, severity, and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed throughout the years to mobilizing the voices of people statewide who want to do something about MS now, and we urge all Marylanders to support the major statewide fundraisers and educational programs being sponsored to raise MS awareness. It is important to promote programs and services to enhance the lives of those with MS, and invest research toward a cause and a cure.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim the month of MARCH 2023 as MS AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and commend this observance to all Marylanders.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March  
Two Thousand And twenty-three

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*  
Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*  
Secretary of State