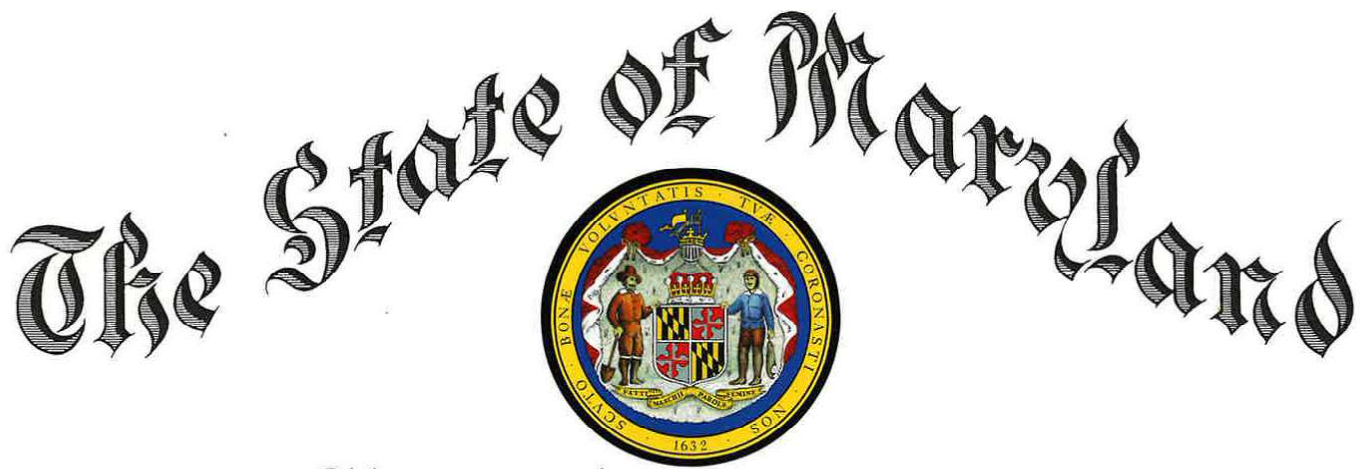




Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH
OCTOBER 2025

- WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ individuals have made significant contributions to the cultural, social, and political fabric of our nation and the world, shaping the course of history in countless ways despite facing discrimination, adversity, and marginalization; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ History Month provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the achievements, resilience, and activism of LGBTQIA+ people throughout history, acknowledging the ongoing struggle for equality, dignity, and human rights; and
- WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community's journey toward equal rights has been marked by milestones such as the Stonewall Riots, the fight for marriage equality, the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and the ongoing advocacy for transgender rights—each of which has advanced the cause of justice and equality for all; and
- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has long been at the forefront of supporting LGBTQIA+ rights; and
- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland's commitment to equality and inclusivity continues to drive positive change, ensuring that Maryland is a place where all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, can live with dignity, respect, and acceptance; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ History Month highlights the importance of recognizing and celebrating the diverse identities, cultures, and contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community, while fostering a spirit of inclusivity and understanding that benefits everyone; and
- WHEREAS, It is crucial to ensure that the voices, experiences, and histories of LGBTQIA+ individuals are acknowledged, taught, and celebrated, not only in our schools and communities, but also in our policies and practices, as we continue to work toward a future where every person is free from discrimination and can live authentically.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2025 as LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.



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

Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller

Lt. Governor
Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State