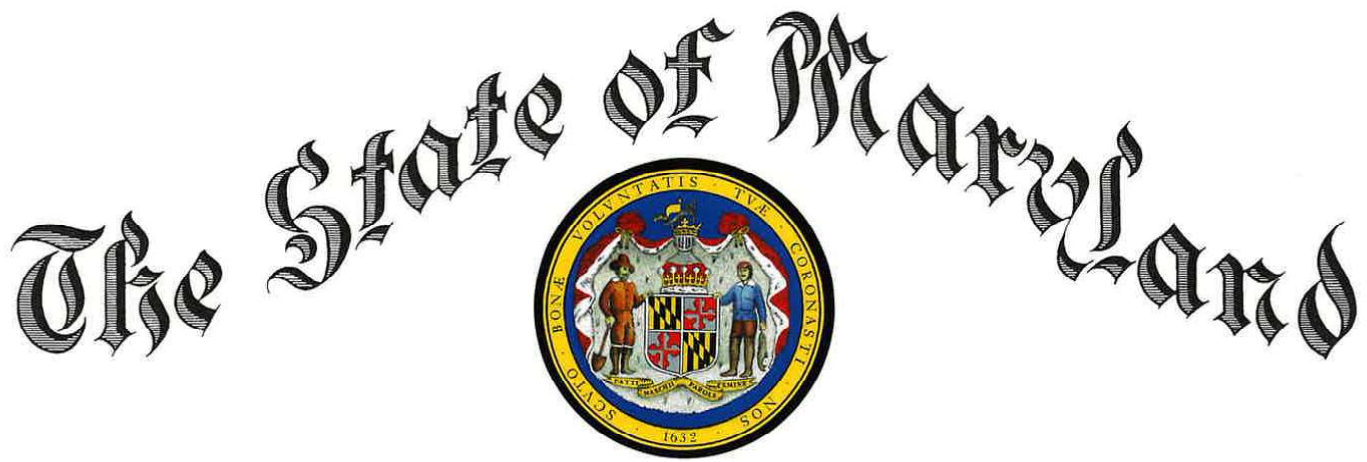




Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

LESBIAN VISIBILITY WEEK APRIL 21-25, 2025

- WHEREAS,** *The lesbian community has long been a vital and vibrant part of Maryland's diverse population, contributing to the social, cultural, and economic life of our state; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Lesbian Visibility Week serves as an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions, strength, and resilience of lesbians within our state, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges they face; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Lesbian Visibility Week provides a platform to honor the rich history, accomplishments, and ongoing advocacy of lesbian individuals and organizations, inspiring others to stand in solidarity and support of a more inclusive and equitable society; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is committed to upholding the values of diversity, inclusion, and equality, ensuring that every individual, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, can live, work, and thrive without fear of discrimination or prejudice; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The observance of Lesbian Visibility Week emphasizes the importance of visibility, empowerment, and solidarity in continuing to fight for the rights and dignity of all people, especially those who identify as lesbian; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Lesbian Visibility Week is an opportunity to educate the public and foster understanding of the experiences, struggles, and triumphs of lesbians in our communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 21-25, 2025 as LESBIAN VISIBILITY WEEK 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 21st day of April
Two Thousand and twenty-five

Wes Moore
Governor

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Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State