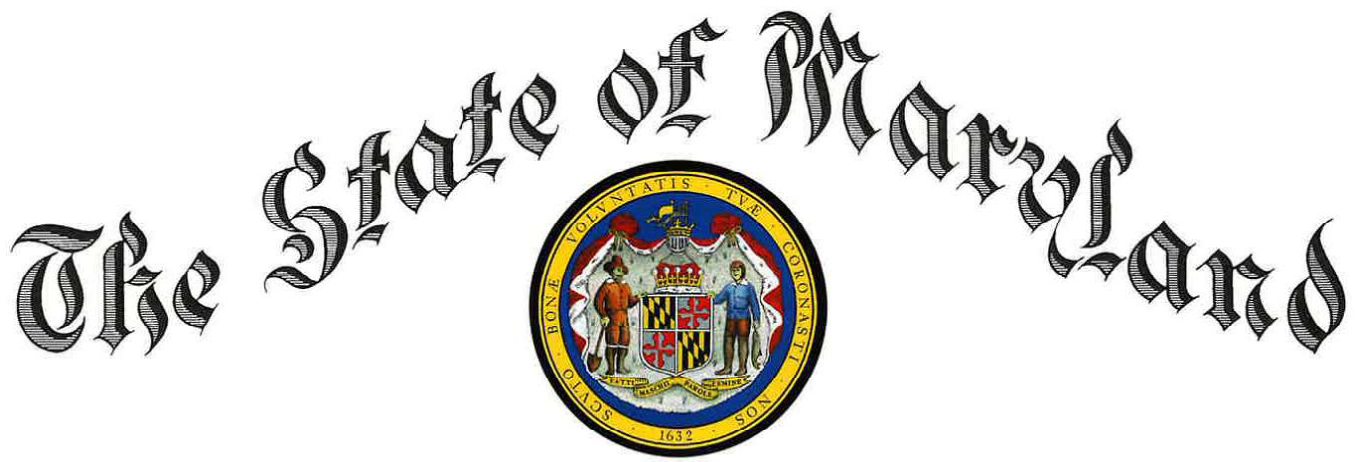




Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

PRIDE MONTH

JUNE 2025

- WHEREAS,** *Pride Month is celebrated each June to honor the contributions, history, and achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning community, and to recognize the ongoing efforts to achieve equality, justice, and dignity for all people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, a pivotal event in the fight for LGBTQIA+ rights, which ignited a global movement for equality, freedom, and acceptance, and continues to inspire progress toward an inclusive and just society; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is committed to fostering a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive environment where all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, can live free from discrimination, prejudice, and violence; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The LGBTQIA+ community has made significant contributions to Maryland's cultural, economic, and social fabric, enriching our state with their resilience, creativity, and determination in the face of adversity; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The observance of Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate the vibrant and diverse LGBTQIA+ community, to acknowledge the progress made toward equality, and to reflect on the work still needed to ensure full protection, respect, and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ individuals in all aspects of life; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Pride Month serves as a reminder of the importance of standing in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community and promoting understanding, love, and acceptance in our homes, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We recognize that the fight for LGBTQIA+ rights is ongoing, and it is essential that we continue to advocate for policies that protect the dignity and rights of all Marylanders, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 2025 as PRIDE MONTH 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 1st day of June
Two Thousand and twenty-five

Wes Moore
Governor
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Lt. Governor
Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State