



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

OCTOBER 11, 2025

- WHEREAS,** *National Coming Out Day, celebrated annually on October 11th, is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges and triumphs faced by individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and other sexual and gender minorities, and to affirming the importance of living authentically and with pride; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Coming out is a deeply personal and courageous process for many, representing a powerful step towards self-acceptance, freedom, and visibility, and it can be a crucial part of building a more inclusive and accepting society; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Each year on National Coming Out Day, individuals share their stories of coming out, whether publicly or privately, fostering a sense of community, solidarity, and understanding, while also demonstrating the diversity and strength within LGBTQIA+ communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has made great strides toward equality and acceptance for LGBTQIA+ individuals, including the legalization of same-sex marriage, the protection of gender-affirming care, and ongoing efforts to ensure the safety, dignity, and well-being of all Marylanders regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Despite progress, many LGBTQIA+ individuals still face challenges related to discrimination, stigma, and lack of understanding, and it remains essential to continue raising awareness about the significance of coming out, creating supportive spaces, and promoting empathy and respect for all individuals; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland remains committed to supporting and uplifting LGBTQIA+ communities, ensuring that every individual is free to live authentically and without fear of judgment, discrimination, or harm.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 11, 2025 as NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY 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 11th day of October
Two Thousand and twenty-five*



Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller

Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State