



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 20, 2025

- WHEREAS, *International Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed annually on November 20th, is a day to honor and memorialize the lives of transgender individuals who have lost their lives due to acts of violence, hatred, and discrimination, and to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all transgender people are able to live free from violence and fear; and*
- WHEREAS, *Transgender individuals, particularly transgender women of color, continue to face disproportionately high rates of violence, discrimination, and marginalization, both within the United States and globally, making it essential to raise awareness about these issues and promote the safety, dignity, and well-being of all transgender people; and*
- WHEREAS, *Transgender Day of Remembrance serves as an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing challenges faced by the transgender community and to honor the memories of those whose lives have been lost due to anti-transgender violence, while also highlighting the resilience and strength of transgender individuals and communities around the world; and*
- WHEREAS, *The State of Maryland is committed to creating a safer and more inclusive environment for transgender individuals, working to end violence and discrimination based on gender identity, and ensuring that transgender Marylanders have access to equal protection under the law, healthcare, employment, housing, and all other aspects of life; and*
- WHEREAS, *The observance of International Transgender Day of Remembrance calls upon all Marylanders to reflect on the lives of transgender individuals, both those we have lost and those who continue to live with courage and strength, and to renew our efforts to create a society where every person, regardless of gender identity, is treated with respect, kindness, and justice.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 20, 2025 as INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 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 20th day of November
Two Thousand and twenty-five

Wes Moore
Governor

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Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State

