

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**AGEISM AWARENESS DAY
OCTOBER 9, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is home to an estimated 6.1 million adults over the age of 60 who make significant contributions to society; and*
- WHEREAS,** *People in Maryland are living longer and healthier than ever before and Marylanders age 60+ are expected to represent about 26% of the state's population by 2030; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Ensuring older adults are respected and portrayed as capable, competent, and valued as beneficial to Maryland's economy is essential; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Recognizing and celebrating the contributions and wisdom of older adults enriches the fabric of our communities and strengthens intergenerational bonds; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Negative stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination affect the health, financial well-being, and longevity of all Marylanders; and*
- WHEREAS;** *Preventing ageism in education, employment, housing, and health care improves the quality of life of all Marylanders; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Addressing ageism is essential to creating a more equitable and inclusive society for current and future generations, ensuring all can age with dignity, respect, and the support we deserve; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Executive Order 01.01.2024.01 established Maryland's commitment to act with urgency and seize the opportunity to build a longevity-ready state, by establishing new policies and programs, evaluating the efficacy of current services, identifying new support options for older adults and caregivers, coordinating with public and private partners, and strategically planning for the future.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 9, 2024 as AGEISM AWARENESS 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 9th day of October
Two Thousand and twenty-four*



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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State

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