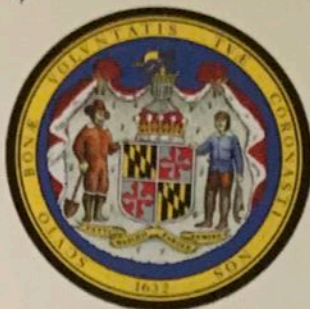


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2017

- WHEREAS,** *Lyme Disease, which is transmitted by the bite of an infected tick, is the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in Maryland with more than 1,700 cases reported in 2015; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Ticks transmit not only Lyme Disease, but also other serious diseases including Rocky Mountain spotted fever, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, and tularemia; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Lyme Disease, and other diseases transmitted by ticks, are best prevented by wearing protective clothing, applying appropriate repellents, checking thoroughly for ticks and showering after being in tick habitats, avoiding tick-infested areas, keeping ticks off of pets, and managing the environment to minimize tick abundance; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene joins with local health departments, health care providers, veterinarians, community organizations and advocacy groups to raise awareness about Lyme Disease and other tick-borne illnesses, and to encourage Maryland residents to protect themselves and their children from these diseases.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim **MAY 2017** as **TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH** in Maryland, and do commend the observance to all our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and seventeen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State