

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**TICKBORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2024
MAY 2024**

- WHEREAS,** *Lyme disease, which is transmitted by the bite of an infected tick, is the most commonly reported tickborne disease in Maryland with over 2,000 cases reported in 2022; 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 joins local health departments, health care providers, veterinarians, community organizations and advocacy groups to raise awareness about Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses, and to encourage Maryland residents to protect themselves and their children from diseases.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2024, as TICKBORNE DISEASE AWARENESS 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 May
Two Thousand and twenty-four

Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller

Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State