



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

- WHEREAS,** According to the American Cancer Society, in 2026, approximately 6,290 Maryland women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 810 will die from the disease, making breast cancer the second leading cause of cancer death among women in Maryland after lung cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** In Maryland, Black women face higher breast cancer mortality rates than other groups, highlighting a crucial health disparity; and
- WHEREAS,** Research indicates that screening mammograms can reduce breast cancer deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** Early detection of breast cancer is vital to the health and well-being of all Maryland residents, including men and transgender persons; and
- WHEREAS,** The Maryland Department of Health encourages all Maryland residents to know their breast cancer risk, learn ways to reduce the risk, and speak to their health care provider about prevention and early detection; and
- WHEREAS,** The Maryland Department of Health has programs that assist eligible uninsured and underinsured Maryland residents with no-cost breast cancer screening and follow-up, diagnosis, and treatment services; and
- WHEREAS,** During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the State of Maryland reaffirms our commitment to supporting breast cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, and research efforts and to ensuring that all Maryland residents are aware of the breast cancer resources available to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2026 as BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 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 1st day of October
Two Thousand and twenty-six

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Governor
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Lt. Governor
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Secretary of State