

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY FIRST DAY**

**AUGUST 15, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *We believe in a Maryland that recognizes the unlimited potential for all our citizens, including those with disabilities to live, work, and thrive in our communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Enabling technology, including assistive technology and remote supports, allows people with disabilities to enhance their functional independence; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Access to enabling technology supports and services allows Marylanders with disabilities to have independence, safety, and privacy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *On August 15, 2022, Maryland was declared a Technology First State, which means Maryland is committed to empowering all our citizens with disabilities to have access to technology that will enhance their ability to pursue their best life as they define it; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We are committed to building a state that promotes equality of opportunity, access, and choice for all Marylanders with disabilities.*

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**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 15, 2023 as MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY FIRST DAY in honor of the first anniversary of Maryland becoming a Technology First State, and to promote the use of technology first in the discussion of support options available to individuals and families in Maryland to achieve meaningful participation, social inclusion, self-determination, and quality of life..**



**Given** *Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,*

*this 15th day of August*

*Two Thousand and twenty-three*

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Aruna Miller*

*Lt. Governor*  
*Susan C. Lee*

*Secretary of State*