

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2026

- WHEREAS,** *Lyme disease, which is transmitted by the bite of an infected tick, is the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in Maryland with over 3,000 cases reported in 2024; 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 a tick habitat, avoiding tick-infested areas, keeping ticks off of pets, and managing the environment to minimize tick abundance; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Department of Natural Resources encourages all hunters, anglers, campers, and other outdoor enthusiasts to protect against ticks and self-check often when visiting Maryland's public lands; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Department of Health 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 loved ones against these diseases.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2026 as TICK-BORNE DISEASE 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 May
Two Thousand and twenty-six



Wes Moore
Governor
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Lt. Governor
Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State