



# Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*  
**TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**  
**MAY 2025**

- WHEREAS,** *Lyme disease, which is transmitted by the bite of an infected tick, is the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in Maryland with under 2,500 cases reported in 2023; 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 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 children against these diseases.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2025 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May  
Two Thousand and twenty-five

*[Signature]*  
Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State