

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH
APRIL 2023**

- WHEREAS,** Maryland's 16 comprehensive community colleges respond to the educational, vocational, and cultural needs of their home counties; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland's award-winning community colleges enroll over half of Maryland residents pursuing undergraduate education; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland's community colleges, students, staff, and alumni annually contribute approximately \$9 billion to the State's economy; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland's community colleges are open-access institutions offering high-quality, affordable postsecondary education to all State residents seeking opportunities to learn and grow; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland's community colleges are committed to maintaining an inclusive learning environment that meets the diverse needs of their local communities and facilitates social mobility; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland's community colleges train students to fill skilled positions in Maryland's workforce, prepare them to obtain and renew professional licenses and certifications, prepare them to continue their education at four-year institutions, and offer enrichment programs that improve community and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland's community colleges create and host cultural events, including art exhibits and live performances that are accessible and affordable to community members; and
- WHEREAS,** The strength and success of Maryland's future relies upon the resiliency of its residents and its economy. Community colleges invest in Maryland's future by preparing out citizens for today's workforce and tomorrows careers, and by contributing to a stronger and healthier society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 2023 as NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE 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 11th day of April
Two Thousand and twenty-three

[Signature]
Governor

Wes Moore

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Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State