

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

MARYLAND HORSE MONTH OCTOBER 2023

- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Horse Industry has more than 101,000, more horses per square mile than any other state in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The equestrian industry has an annual economic impact of \$2.1 billion in Maryland and helps to preserve more than 700,000 acres of land; and*
- WHEREAS,** *There are 35 different equestrian disciplines in Maryland that represent more than 40 breeds of horses and ponies; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The diversity of the Maryland Horse Industry is represented by farriers, small business owners, farmers, feed dealers, tack shops, veterinarians, trainers, exercise riders, fox chasing clubs, steeplechase participants, therapeutic riding centers, breeders, horse riding clubs and teams, owners, rodeo participants, 4-H participants, racing participants, and many others; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is host to several internationally renowned equestrian competitions and races, including the Preakness – one of the three jewels in the Triple Crown – the Maryland Million, which showcases some of Maryland’s best stallions and Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds, and the Maryland Sire Stakes, which honors the tradition of standardbred racing; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland has been selected to host an international 5 star equestrian three-day event at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area Special Event Zone - making it one of only two in the United States and one of seven in the entire world at this competition level; and Maryland is now home to the prestigious Washington International Horse Show at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center and the new Maryland Horse Library and Education Center on Main street Reisterstown; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland appreciates the Maryland equine and equestrian industry for its contributions to the economic health of our great state.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2023** as **MARYLAND HORSE 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 1st day of October
Two Thousand and twenty-three

Wes Moore
Governor

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Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State