Proclamation
From the Governor of the State of Maryland

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2018

WHEREAS, Disability Employment Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of workers with disabilities and through national and local campaigns, create greater awareness of the talents and skills individuals with disabilities bring to employers; and

WHEREAS, We believe in a Maryland which recognizes the unlimited potential for all our citizens, including those with disabilities, to live, work, and thrive in our communities; and

WHEREAS, In Maryland we are dedicated to the principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act, particularly as it relates to the rights and freedom for people with disabilities to work and advance in their chosen careers and lead independent and full lives in their communities; and

WHEREAS, We are changing for the better by promoting equality of opportunity, access, and choice for Marylanders with disabilities. We are committed to the promise of a Maryland in which all people with disabilities have the knowledge and influence to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, We are committed to the principle that companies profit by investing in workers with disabilities, Maryland will continue to strive to expand employment opportunities for Marylanders with disabilities and consider work the first option for working age adults with disabilities thereby giving every Marylander a chance to contribute to the state’s economic life and reap the rewards of that contribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2018 as DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS 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, October
this 1st day of
Ten thousand and eighteen

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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State