

The State of Maryland



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,
this 1st day of October
Two Thousand and eighteen



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Wittberg
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State