

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 20 - 24, 2026**

- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is Serious About Safety, and we affirm that every time we take to the roads, we make choices that can impact not only our own lives, but the lives of everyone around us and those working on our roadways; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Crews across Maryland perform essential work to construct, improve, and maintain a safe and reliable transportation system that supports our communities, strengthens our economy, and enhances the quality of life for residents and all who travel on our roadways; and Maryland remains committed to preventing crashes so that everyone working or traveling on Maryland roadways returns home safely at the end of each day; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland has been a leader in the work to increase work zone safety through legislation like the Maryland Road Worker Protection Act of 2024, which authorized increased fines, enhanced automated enforcement, and improved safety features through work zones; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 2025, the State of Maryland effectively reduced crashes in work zones by nearly 12 percent and reduced the number of citations issued by 17 percent; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland remembers and honors the lives of all who have been injured or lost their lives in work zone crashes and their families; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Most work zone crashes are preventable, and drivers are urged to remain patient and make safe, responsible driving choices when traveling through work zones, as safety is not just a goal, it is a shared responsibility; and*
- WHEREAS,** *For the safety of crews and all who travel on Maryland's roadways, speed limits in many work zones are reduced, clearly posted, and enforced; when approaching work zones, motorists should stay alert, slow down, drive the posted speed limits, follow signage and directions from flagging crews, and move over when possible; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During Work Zone Awareness Week, Marylanders are asked to wear orange on Wednesday, April 22, for Go Orange Day in support of work zone safety.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 20 - 24, 2026 as WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK 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 20th day of April  
Two Thousand and twenty-six*

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Governor

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Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*  
Secretary of State