

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### MARYLAND HORSE MONTH OCTOBER 2025

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is a horse legacy state that embraces everyone who wants to be a part of the horse world and express their love of horses; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland continues to have more horses per square mile than any other state in the United States generating an annual economic impact of \$2.9 billion and maintaining vitally important open space; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During October, all of Maryland's horse industry is highlighted with more than 5,000 horses, ponies, and donkeys on display in more than 60 events statewide, which generate more than 100,000 spectator visits and millions of online views; and*
- WHEREAS,** *These displays range from two Five Star events at Fair Hill and Prince George's Equestrian Center, Maryland's "Day at the Races" at the Maryland Million, harness racing, jousting, horse shows, eventing, farm visits, open barns, and more; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The state's equine industry includes farriers, small business owners, farmers, feed dealers, tack shops, veterinarians, owners, trainers, exercise riders, fox chasing clubs, steeplechase participants, therapeutic riding centers, breeders, horse riding clubs and teams, 4-H and Pony Club youth programs, rodeo participants, racing participants and many others; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland was 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 seven in the world at this competition level; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is also home to the prestigious Washington International Horse Show in Upper Marlboro, the must visit Maryland Horse library and Education Center on Main Street Reisterstown, and the soon to be newly-renovated Pimlico Race Course—home of the Preakness Stakes—in addition to the Assateague Ponies on the Eastern Shore to trail riding stables in the mountains of Garrett County; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland appreciates the equine industry for its contribution to the economic, environmental, and cultural health of our great state.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2025 as MARYLAND HORSE MONTH 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and twenty-five

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Crana Miller*

*Lt. Governor*  
*Susan C. Lee*

*Secretary of State*