

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

MARYLAND HOMEGROWN SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2, 2026

WHEREAS, Many of our children live in a world where things are readily available and often believe that fruits, vegetables, and other food products come from a shelf in the supermarket rather than a farm; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is a leading industry in Maryland that provides an opportunity to expand sales of healthy, farm-raised, and locally made products for school lunches; and

WHEREAS, Local fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy are excellent sources of nutrients and can contribute to an overall healthier diet; and

WHEREAS, Children are our future consumers and decision makers; when they understand the importance of farming and healthy food today, they can make decisions tomorrow that are the most advantageous for the farming community, our environment, the economy, and public health; and

WHEREAS, The Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Bill and Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week, which encourage schools across the state to serve locally grown and produced foods in school lunches, provide a nexus for these issues and their solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2, 2026, as MARYLAND HOMEGROWN SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 28th day of September
Two Thousand and twenty-six


Governor

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Secretary of State

