

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2018**

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland strives to create an environment in which children are free from the harmful effects of lead exposure; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has made significant progress in reducing the number of young citizens exposed to this preventable disease by more than 98 percent since 1996; however, 388 children were identified as lead poisoned statewide in 2017; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Because there is no safe level of lead, testing is essential for early intervention, Maryland continues to work toward ensuring that all children are tested for lead at one and two years of age; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Efforts at increased testing are beginning to yield results, with more children tested for lead in 2017 than in any previous year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *While lead-based paint hazards in housing remains the most significant cause of childhood lead poisoning in Maryland, other potential sources of lead were identified in cases of lead poisoning in Maryland, including spices and certain cosmetics, and these sources must also be investigated; and*
- WHEREAS,** *All Marylanders can act to protect themselves and residents from lead hazards during renovation by ensuring that they use only properly trained and accredited contractors for renovation of homes built prior to 1978.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2018 as LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and eighteen

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Byrd H. Pittsford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Winkler*  
Secretary of State