

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

### RECLAIM THE BAY

- WHEREAS,** *The Chesapeake Bay watershed is a national treasure constituting the largest estuary in the United States and one of the largest and most biologically productive estuaries in the world; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Seventeen-million people live, work, and play in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and generations of Marylanders have depended on the Bay economically and recreationally; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan includes strategies to control erosion using cover crops and other agricultural best management practices, reduce urban stormwater impacts, restore and stabilize streams and shorelines, and upgrade sewage treatment plants and septic systems to reduce pollution flowing into our groundwater, rivers and the Bay; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Reclaim the Bay observance provides an opportunity to educate Marylanders about how their actions affect the Bay and what they can do to participate in its restoration; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is determined to "Reclaim the Bay" back to its former glory, we observe 2013 as the start of the implementation of the Phase II WIP with all appropriate events, programs and activities.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2013 as the kickoff of our campaign to RECLAIM THE BAY 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 31st day of January  
Two Thousand

and thirteen

*Martin O'Malley*  
Governor

*Robert Ehrlich*  
Lt. Governor

*Joe C. McPherson*  
Secretary of State