

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

### MARYLAND AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 29 - MAY 3, 2013

- WHEREAS,** *Half of the United States population lives in areas that struggle to meet air quality standards for pollutants such as ozone and fine particulates; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Air pollutants can harm our health, triggering and aggravating asthma in children and adults; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Air pollution can damage our environment including trees, crops, wildlife, the Chesapeake Bay and its inhabitants; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Air pollution unfavorably impacts our economy causing illness, leading to lost productivity and also impacting agricultural and commercial forest yields by billions of dollars each year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has been a leader in national efforts to improve air quality that directly improves public health, our quality of life and the economy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland Air Quality Awareness Week provides an opportunity to educate Marylanders on the topic of air quality and the simple changes citizens can make to help reduce the number of days on which Marylanders breathe unhealthy air; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has joined with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service to promote importance of air quality during Air Quality Awareness Week; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland recognizes the importance of clean air to our daily lives, and is proud to observe the week of April 29 through May 3 as Maryland Air Quality Awareness Week with all appropriate events, programs, and activities.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 29 - MAY 3, 2013 as MARYLAND AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK 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 29th day of April  
Two Thousand and thirteen

*Martin O'Malley*  
Governor

*Robert Ehrlich*  
Lt. Governor

*Joe C. McPherson*  
Secretary of State