

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

MARYLAND GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK

MARCH 10 - 16, 2013

- WHEREAS,** *Groundwater is a natural resource that provides clean, pollution free drinking water for two million Marylanders daily, and also provides the water for irrigation of fields and crops; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Groundwater protection supports Maryland's ongoing efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland Groundwater Awareness Week provides an opportunity to educate Marylanders on the topic of groundwater and the simple steps citizens can take to protect groundwater from contamination and practice water conservation in their homes and businesses; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has joined with dozens of other local, state, non and for-profit businesses to highlight and celebrate National Groundwater Awareness Week; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland recognizes the importance of groundwater to our daily lives, and is proud to observe the week of March 10 through 16 as Maryland Groundwater Awareness Week with all appropriate events, programs, and activities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 10 - 16, 2013 as MARYLAND GROUNDWATER AWARENESS 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 **10th** day of **March**

Two Thousand

and thirteen

Handwritten signature of Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland.
Governor

Handwritten signature of Robert Ehrlich, Lt. Governor of Maryland.
Lt. Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe C. McPherson, Secretary of State of Maryland.
Secretary of State