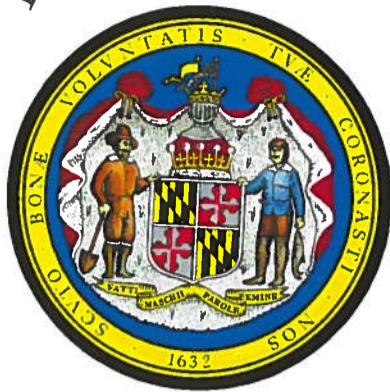


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR ALL WEEK SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2016

- WHEREAS,** *Telecommunications plays a vital role in the exchange of information in today's world; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Telecommunications should be accessible to all Marylanders, including those with disabilities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Deaf-Blind, and speech-disabled should be able to make phone calls at home and remotely, and not have to depend on landlines; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland Relay, a public service provided by the state which allows people who are unable to use a standard telephone to make and receive calls, is now accepting applications for no-cost tablets through the Maryland Accessible Telecommunications program; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The National Association for State Relay Administration and the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association, national organizations working to ensure that states are complying with Title IV of the American Disabilities Act and providing equipment with which to access the Relay services, met in Maryland this week and last week, respectively.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2016 as TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR ALL 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 11th day of September
Two Thousand and sixteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. Winkler
Secretary of State