The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
APRIL 19- 25 2020

WHEREAS, *Maryland continues to fight crime at all levels, the impact of violent crime on victims and their families must be recognized throughout our criminal justice system and our society; and*

WHEREAS, *It is important for those who have suffered physical injury, emotional trauma, and financial loss to be treated with respect and dignity throughout the criminal justice process; and*

WHEREAS, *Maryland has adopted laws to protect victims' rights and provide essential services, our public and private sectors must continue to work cooperatively to maintain and improve programs and legislation that will benefit victims; and*

WHEREAS, *Great strides have been made to ensure compassionate treatment of victims in Maryland, let us acknowledge all those who work on behalf of crime victims and the victims themselves who have converted personal tragedy into motivation for others; and in support of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 19 - 25, 2020 as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK in Maryland, and do commend the observance to all our citizens.

Given *Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,*
this 20th *day of* April
Two Thousand and twenty

Governor

Lt. Governor

Secretary of State