

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY APRIL 14, 2021

- WHEREAS,** *Marylanders may need assistive technology devices and services to live independently and to participate more fully in their lives, families, and communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Assistive Technology Program provides services that include routinization and short-term loans of assistive technology devices, demonstration of devices to inform customer decision making, and financing activities to help individuals purchase or obtain assistive technology through a variety of initiatives; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Assistive technology refers to any item, piece of equipment, or products used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities or older adults; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Assistive technology plays an important role in fulfilling the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act by enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and increasing access to educational and employment opportunities alongside their peers without disabilities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The availability of assistive technology in the workplace promotes economic self-sufficiency, enhances work participation, and is critical to the employment of people with disabilities and older adults.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 14, 2021 as ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY 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 14th day of April
Two Thousand and twenty-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd K. Lathford
Lt. Governor

John C. Wolk
Secretary of State