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

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Governor

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Secretary of State