

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**EARTH SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK  
OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2017**

- WHEREAS,** *This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Sciences Education Week with the theme of "Earth and Human Activity," designated to help the public gain a better appreciation and understanding of earth sciences; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Geology and other earth sciences are fundamental to the economy, environment, health, and safety of the State of Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Earth sciences provide the basic information and understanding that are crucial to ecological and environmental issues relating to the beneficial use of Maryland's lands and waters... and contribute to the discovery and protection of groundwater and surface water supplies providing for the health and sustainment of Marylanders; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, radon, erosion, earthquakes and sinkholes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Geological and hydrological factors are vital to land management and use decisions at local, county, state, regional and national levels; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The earth sciences are integral to the conserving, developing and discovering of valuable mineral, geologic and water resources of the great State of Maryland.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2017 as EARTH SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK in Maryland, and commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and seventeen

*Lawrence J. Hogan*  
Governor

*Robert K. Wittkeford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Winkler*  
Secretary of State