

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**EARTH SCIENCE WEEK
OCTOBER 13 - 19, 2013**

WHEREAS, *Geology and the other earth sciences are used to plan and monitor for events which may effect the safety of Marylanders and burden the State's economy... and, the earth sciences monitor changes in our natural systems to predict, prepare and mitigate for the effects of natural hazards including flooding, coastal erosion, landslides, droughts, expansive soils and sinkholes; and*

WHEREAS, *Geological factors of resources, hazards and environments are vital to make prudent management decisions, which will incorporate the needs of Maryland citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *The earth sciences provide a roadmap to the subtle changes which have occurred in the past and are currently transforming the landscape around us... and, geology also provides recreational and educational experiences through exploration of documented and managed sites throughout our great State; and*

WHEREAS, *The earth sciences contribute critical knowledge to our understanding of and respect for Maryland's diverse geological resources and features.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 13 - 19, 2013 as EARTH SCIENCE 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 13th day of October
Two Thousand and thirteen

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

Joe C. McPherson
Secretary of State