

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **BOSNIAN AMERICAN DAY MARCH 1, 2026**

- WHEREAS,** *Bosnia and Herzegovina declared independence through a referendum that was held on March 1, 1992, marking a historic milestone in its pursuit of democracy, self-determination, and freedom; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland recognizes the enduring friendship between the United States and Bosnia and Herzegovina and values the contributions of Bosnian Americans in strengthening our state's multicultural heritage; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Bosnian American community in Maryland has made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the state, enriching our diverse society through their traditions, values, and dedication to progress; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is home to a growing and vibrant Bosnian American population that has excelled in various fields, including business, education, healthcare, and public service, demonstrating resilience and furthering civic engagement; and*
- WHEREAS,** *For the past 23 years, Maryland and Bosnia and Herzegovina have maintained a strong and enduring partnership through the State Partnership Program, a collaboration between the Maryland National Guard and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, fostering military, educational, and cultural exchanges that strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, and Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, share a sister city relationship, further deepening the ties between our peoples and promoting cultural, educational, and economic exchanges, which are further enhanced by the Maryland-Bosnia and Herzegovina Exchange Council, fostering partnerships across commerce, academia, health care, and public service; and*
- WHEREAS,** *This Bosnian American Day, Maryland reaffirms its commitment to furthering democracy, human rights, and the promotion of peace and prosperity for all, and calls on all residents to join us in this effort.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 1, 2026 as BOSNIAN AMERICAN DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of March  
Two Thousand and twenty-six

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

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*Susan C. Lee*  
Lt. Governor

Secretary of State