

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 30, 2012 - MAY 4, 2012

- WHEREAS,** *Half of the United States population lives in areas that struggle to meet air quality standards for pollutants such as ozone and fine particulates. Air pollution can harm our health, triggering and aggravating asthma in children and adults; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Air pollution can damage our environment including trees, crops, wildlife, the Chesapeake Bay and its inhabitants. Air pollution unfavorably impacts our economy causing illness, leading to lost productivity and also impacting agricultural and commercial forest yields by billions of dollars each year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has been a leader in national efforts to improve air quality that directly improve public health, our quality of life and the economy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland Air Quality Awareness Week provides an opportunity to educate Marylanders on the topic of air quality and the simple changes citizens can make to help reduce the number of days on which Marylanders breathe unhealthy air; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has joined with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Services to promote the importance of air quality during Air Quality Awareness Week.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 30, 2012 - MAY 4, 2012 as AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK in Maryland, and do recognize the importance of clean air to our daily lives and urge all citizens to observe this week with appropriate events, programs and activities.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 30th day of April
Two Thousand and twelve



Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

Joe C. McPherson
Secretary of State