

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

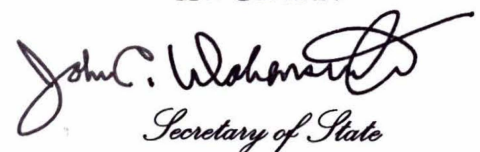
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Transportation Authority - known as the MDTA - came into existence in 1971 by act of the Maryland Legislature, effective July 1, 1971. Chapter 526 of the Laws of Maryland of 1970 created the MDTA to finance, construct, operate, and improve the State's toll facilities, as well as to finance new revenue-producing transportation projects; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The MDTA remains a self-sufficient non-budgeted State agency that receives no money from the State's General Fund or the Transportation Trust Fund. The MDTA is exclusively financed by toll revenues and is governed by a Board with the Secretary of Transportation serving as its Chair; and*
- WHEREAS;** *For 50 years, the MDTA's toll facilities have provided Maryland's citizens and visitors safe, secure, reliable, and convenient transportation facilities - including roads, bridges, and tunnels. In August of 2020 the MDTA implemented permanent statewide all electronic tolling, and on April 29 of this year, the MDTA successfully launched DriveEzMD. - its new and improved customer service platform that is designed to "Keep Maryland Moving" and make it easier than ever to travel the state's toll facilities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The MDTA's highly accredited police force is the seventh largest police department in the state of Maryland. The MDTA Police keep our citizens and visitors safe as they use MDTA's bridges, tunnels, and highways - as well as at the Port of Baltimore and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport; and*
- WHEREAS,** *As we celebrate the MDTA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - and look forward to the next 50 years - the people of Maryland can rest assured that the MDTA's leadership team and its dedicated employees will continue to utilize the best practices in safety and technology, to advance the State's transportation missions.*
- WHEREAS,** *For the past 50 years, the MDTA has been a valuable part of Maryland's transportation network defining ways to move the state forward in the future and playing a critical role in the safety, accessibility, mobility, economic vitality, and quality of life for all Marylanders.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND,** do hereby congratulate the MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY on 50 Years of outstanding service to the State of Maryland.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July  
Two Thousand and twenty-one

  
Governor

  
Lt. Governor

  
Secretary of State

