

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**NATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE
AUGUST 22, 2013**

- WHEREAS,** *America's problems with violence within our society has escalated not abated, during the last decade affecting families in every walk of life and threatening our national security and the safety of children, youth, adults, seniors and families; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It has become a apparent that it is in our nation's best interest to increase knowledge and training of conflict resolution, mental health resources, parenting skills, and non-violence resources and to make resources available for the nation to "Change the Culture of Violence in America;" and*
- WHEREAS,** *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. issued a call for non-violence in America, fifty years ago at the August 28, 1963 March on Washington and Dr. King called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Black for Positive Change, a national civic, volunteer organization is calling for a National Summit on Non-Violence and Day of Non-Violence in collaboration with Faith-Based Leaders, National Organizations, Elected Officials and Community Leaders on August 22, 2013; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In line with the objectives set for the Summit and Day of Non-Violence elected officials across the country have been asked to declare this date as a National Day of Non-Violence and schools, students, organizations and faith institutions across the nation are challenged to plan a day or event that demonstrates what a day without violence would be like in our communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 22, 2013 as NATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE in Maryland and urge all citizens to join in this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 22nd day of August
Two Thousand
and thirteen

Handwritten signature of Martin O'Malley in black ink.
Governor

Handwritten signature of Robert Ehrlich in black ink.
Lt. Governor

Handwritten signature of J. C. McPherson in black ink.
Secretary of State