

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK SEPTEMBER 18 - 25, 2011

- WHEREAS,** *Native wildlife populations are an integral part of Maryland's natural environment, and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Maryland's statewide ecosystems; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Each year in the U.S. more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The success of wildlife movement and survival in Maryland remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in Maryland.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 18 - 25, 2011 as WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 18th day of September

Two Thousand

and eleven

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

Joe C. McQuinn
Secretary of State

