

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MONTH
APRIL 2007**

WHEREAS, *Maryland is America in miniature from rugged Western Maryland to the Baltimore-Washington corridor, and from the Chesapeake Bay to the farmlands of the Eastern Shore; and*

WHEREAS, *Environmental Education embraces appreciation of the natural world, knowledge of science, geography, history, economics and government, understanding of the wise use of the world's and Maryland's natural resources, and the development of positive attitudes and skills necessary to participate responsibly in environmental decision-making and problem-solving; and*

WHEREAS, *Environmental Education includes the interdisciplinary understanding of local, state, regional, national and global environmental issues, including air, water and soil quality, human health, biodiversity; the Chesapeake Bay watershed; habitat protection and restoration; land use; energy; waste management; environmental health and justice, sustainable development; global warning; and ozone depletion; and*

WHEREAS, *Environmental Education continues to gain support from individuals, citizens, schools, higher education, nonprofit organizations, local, state and federal government agencies, and commercial enterprises as we face new and changing environmental challenges, including the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 2007 as ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MONTH in Maryland, and urge all Marylanders to take this opportunity to review past environmental accomplishments, conduct special environmental activities and events, plan future activities that will continue to bring high-quality environmental education programs to all Marylanders.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of April
Two Thousand and seven

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Brum
Lt. Governor

Dennis Schepfle
Secretary of State