

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM MARCH 2022

- WHEREAS,** *The National Senior Nutrition Program was established in 1972, by the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. From its inception, the program has reliably funded nutrition services for older adults in the state of Maryland and throughout the nation, for the past 50 years; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Local senior nutrition programs serve as hubs for older adults to access nutritious meals, nutrition counseling, nutrition education, and other vital services that strengthen social connections, promote health and well-being, and thwart malnutrition of older adults in the state of Maryland and throughout the nation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland, and the Maryland Department of Aging encourage innovative approaches to nutrition that support older adult efforts to live independently and educate communities about nutrition services; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Senior Nutrition Program is an integral part of Maryland and its efforts to provide nutrition and supportive services to older residents of the country, especially those of the greatest social and economic need, the most frail and vulnerable, those with chronic health conditions, and those experiencing social isolation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland's Senior Nutrition Program, working through Area Agencies on aging, continue to have a positive impact on its communities by promoting optimal nutrition, improving the health and enhancing the quality of life of older adults.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2022 as the 50th Anniversary of the National Senior Nutrition Program. Marylanders are encouraged to recognize older adults and the people who support them through nutrition services as essential contributors to the strength of all Maryland communities. Please join the U.S. Administration of Community Living, the State of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Aging in celebrating this milestone 50th Anniversary.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of March
Two Thousand and twenty-two

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Pittsford
Lt. Governor

John C. Wokosinski
Secretary of State