



EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

*On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County,
Maryland*

WHEREAS, On April 14, 2023 students across the country will participate in GLSEN's National Day of Silence, a student-led demonstration where participants take a vow of silence for the day to protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination on LGBTQ+ people in schools; and

WHEREAS, participants break their silence together at the end of the day with an event to encourage their school and their communities to create a safer and more inclusive environment for LGBTQ+ individuals; and

WHEREAS, 82% of LGBTQ+ students have reported experiencing harassment or bullying in their school, and more than 30% of LGBTQ+ students have reported missing school because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that our LGBTQ+ students are able to learn and socialize in a safe environment, and access the support they need to live freely and safely as who they are is critical to our mission of making Anne Arundel County The Best Place - For All.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2023 as GLSEN's Day of Silence in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance, and show support for our LGBTQ+ youth. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 14th Day of April in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Three.

STEUART L. PITTMAN
County Executive
April 14, 2023

