

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DAY FEBRUARY 1st, 2024

- WHEREAS,** *Nationally, one in seven people has unclaimed property and more than \$5 billion is returned by states annually; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland State Comptroller's Unclaimed Property Division achieved remarkable success in 2023, bringing in \$315 million in unclaimed property from businesses and organizations and returning \$81 million to rightful owners; and*
- WHEREAS,** *For more than five decades, the State has diligently received and safeguarded forgotten funds encompassing uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, forgotten dividends, and various financial accounts abandoned due to lost contact with their rightful owners; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Marylanders are encouraged to file free claims through the Maryland State Comptroller to potentially reclaim property; and*
- WHEREAS,** *This day highlights the unwavering commitment to reuniting citizens with their lost or forgotten assets.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 1st, 2024, as UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DAY in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in this observance.

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



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Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State