

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK
MAY 20-24, 2024

- WHEREAS, *Each year, Maryland faces catastrophic events such as tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage or total destruction to private property and homes; and*
- WHEREAS, *Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs, and*
- WHEREAS, *Predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and*
- WHEREAS, *Effective public outreach campaigns highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid contractor schemes; and*
- WHEREAS, *The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Marylanders to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and*
- WHEREAS, *The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Maryland, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, is committed to educating Marylanders about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and*
- WHEREAS, *The citizens of Maryland are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fourth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 20 - 24, 2024.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim May 20 - 24, 2024 as Contractor Fraud Awareness Week in Maryland and commend this observance to all citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 20th day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-four

W. Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller

Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State