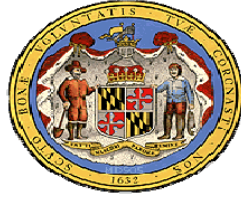


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**MVA 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JANUARY, 2010**

- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is celebrating 100 years of service to the citizens of Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *At the beginning of the twentieth century, with the emergence of the automobile and the inadequacy of the roads, a system of regulation became necessary. Starting in 1904, motor vehicle owners were required to register at the office of the Secretary of State in Annapolis, Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Upon payment of a one dollar fee, owners were issued a certificate and required to place a number on the vehicle in a conspicuous spot. Required safety measures included two front lamps, one rear red light, good brakes, a bell, horn or signaling device and a means of locking the starting mechanism; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Office of the commissioner of Motor Vehicles was established in 1910, the Department of Motor Vehicles was established in 1943 and the Motor Vehicle Administration was established in 1971 as part of the Maryland Department of Transportation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Motor Vehicle Administration touches the lives of every citizen and resident of Maryland. The MVA's mission is to provide exemplary driver and vehicle services that promote Maryland's mobility and safety while enhancing process and product security; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Motor Vehicle Administration plays a vital role in Maryland transportation, processing over 12 million core transactions annually, of which over 8 million are walk-in transactions to 24 branch offices across the State. These offices consistently achieve a 90 percent customer satisfaction rate; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Motor Vehicle Administration's dedicated employees provide high quality and efficient customer service through continued advancement in process and produce improvements and investment in information technology. MVA's key goals are exemplary customer service, efficient and effective business practices, safety and security, organization development and financial stewardship.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim January, 2010 as the beginning of a year-long centennial celebration to recognize the Motor Vehicle Administration for 100 years of dedicated service to the people of Maryland and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given Under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 1st day of January Two Thousand and Ten



Signed: *Martin O' Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
John P. McDonough, Secretary of State*