

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**PAIN AWARENESS MONTH
MARCH, 2002**

- WHEREAS,** Pain is one of our nation's most serious health problems - it is our silent epidemic. More than 50 million Americans live with chronic pain caused by various diseases or disorders, and each year nearly 25 million people suffer with acute pain; and
- WHEREAS,** Although the medical knowledge and technology is now available to relieve or greatly ease most pain, most pain goes untreated, under treated, or improperly treated. People do not realize that pain is not something they "just have to live with," even though treatments are available to lessen most types of pain; and
- WHEREAS,** The Maryland Pain Initiative has been re-established to dedicate its work to creating both a statewide clearinghouse for pain education for the consumer and healthcare professional as well as a statewide registry of all pain management services and clinics; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland is pleased to join the Maryland Pain Initiative in promoting a united effort against the epidemic of pain.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, PARRIS N. GLENDENING, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March, 2002 as PAIN AWARENESS MONTH in 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 March
Two Thousand and two

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

John J. Willis
Secretary of State

