

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

X & Y CHROMOSOMAL VARIATION AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2011

- WHEREAS,** X & Y Chromosomal Variations are genetic disorders that affect an individual's growth and development; and
- WHEREAS,** Every day 20 children will be born with XXY, XXX and XYY chromosomal disorders and only 5 of those 20 will be diagnosed in their lifetime and receive appropriate treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** Support groups and organizations like The Focus Foundation have dedicated themselves to helping children and families affected by X&Y Variations, dyslexia and/or developmental dyspraxia; and
- WHEREAS,** These groups remain committed to their cause and to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disability; and
- WHEREAS,** X and Y Chromosomal Variations are complex disorders that require increased research and knowledge to continue finding treatments to maximize potential; and greater recognition and understanding to ensure that individuals living with X and Y Chromosomal Variations living in Maryland and all other Americans with X and Y Chromosomal Variations are diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2011 as X & Y CHROMOSOMAL VARIATION AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and eleven

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

John C. McQuinn
Secretary of State