



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Executive Order Regarding Hurricane Sandy and Early Voting

- WHEREAS, A State of Emergency has been declared throughout the State of Maryland in recognition of the danger posed by Hurricane Sandy and related weather systems;
- WHEREAS, The current State of Emergency will interfere with the early voting that is scheduled to take place by law from Saturday, October 27, 2012 through Thursday, November 1, 2012;
- WHEREAS, A cancellation of early voting on Monday, October 29, 2012 and Tuesday, October 30, 2012 was necessary to protect public safety and minimize the risk of harm to all Marylanders, including those who play a role in administering the electoral process;
- WHEREAS, It is in the interests of the State of Maryland and the electoral process to extend early voting hours on the remaining early voting days in order to make up for the lost opportunities for early voting; and
- WHEREAS, In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, an executive order of the Governor is appropriate.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 8, SECTION 103 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DECLARE THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN EFFECT FOR ALL COUNTIES WILL INTERFERE WITH THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AND THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE ARE NECESSARY:
- A. All early voting centers shall be open between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, Thursday, November 1, 2012, and Friday, November 2, 2012.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 30th
day of October, 2012.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martin O'Malley", written over a horizontal line.

Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. McDonough", written over a horizontal line.

John McDonough
Secretary of State