NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOCHOR A, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, MARCH 17, 2019, AS MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL WEEK.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The State of Maryland is proud to join the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in observing Maryland's Bicentennial Year. The purpose of this observance is to celebrate the historical contributions of Maryland to the nation, the world, and the global community. The bicentennial year marks a time of celebration and reflection, a time to remember the contributions of Maryland's culture, history, and people. The bicentennial year also marks a time of education and awareness, a time to learn about the importance of preserving our natural resources, our history, and our heritage. The bicentennial year is a time to celebrate the contributions of Maryland's communities, its people, and its institutions. The bicentennial year is a time of hope and optimism, a time to look forward to the future, and to work together to build a better Maryland for all.