

PROCLAMATION



Unclaimed Property Day February 1, 2024

WHEREAS, nationally, one in seven people has unclaimed property and more than \$5 billion is returned by states annually; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland State Comptroller's Unclaimed Property Division achieved remarkable success in 2023, bringing in \$315 million in unclaimed property from businesses and organizations and returning \$81 million to rightful owners; and

WHEREAS, for over five decades, the State has diligently received and safeguarded forgotten funds encompassing uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, forgotten dividends, and various financial accounts abandoned due to lost contact with their rightful owners; and

WHEREAS, finding unclaimed property is easier than ever, with a simple and free search available on the State's Unclaimed Property website at <https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/unclaimed-property/>, where one can easily file a claim and potentially reclaim lost funds; and

WHEREAS, this day highlights the unwavering commitment to reuniting citizens with their lost or forgotten assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland does hereby proclaim February 1, 2024 as "*Unclaimed Property Day*" in Dorchester County, Maryland and urges all citizens to take advantage of this free service and utilize the State's website to check for unclaimed property under their name. We encourage all citizens to share this information with their families, friends, and neighbors to raise awareness of this program, ensure more citizens are reunited with their unclaimed property, and celebrate the power of good stewardship.

Executed this 29th day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Four.

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