

## Press Release

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### THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING TO HOST 5TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY

BALTIMORE, MD (February 10, 2014) - On February 17, 2014, the Maryland Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) will host its 5th Annual Legislative Awareness Day in Annapolis, Maryland. The event will begin at 2 p.m. with opening remarks by ODHH Executive Director Lisa Kornberg. A training session by Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC) Executive Director Virginia Knowlton-Marcus will follow afterwards. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to select to take a tour of State House or participate in a scavenger hunt designed to help Marylanders become more familiar with their Capital. At the awards ceremony, awards will be presented and a keynote offered, followed by dinner which will be provided for constituents, courtesy of the Maryland Association of the Deaf. Constituents will then meet one-on-one with their state legislators to discuss important policy issues. The event will conclude with the House General Session at 8pm.

ODHH will honor and recognize Senator Jennie M. Forehand and Senator Allan Kittleman for their support and contributions to the community. ODHH will also recognize Julie Anne Schafer with the Kelby Brick Community Leadership award for her tireless efforts to advance the rights of people with hearing loss.

"It is important that we all continue to take political action so that Maryland remains at the forefront of ensuring equal access for all of its diverse citizens," said ODHH Executive Director Lisa Kornberg.

ODHH's mission is to support the O'Malley/Brown administration goals, including a strong belief that there is no spare Marylander. Legislative Awareness Day is an important opportunity for deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind constituents to understand and participate in the legislative process, learn how to advocate with their legislators and make positive changes in the community. ODHH wants to help constituents become comfortable with their role in the legislative process and to have confidence approaching and working with elected officials.

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