



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

House Bill 620

Commemorative Months - Maryland Climate Education Month

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Position: **FAVORABLE**

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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS House Bill 620** which directs the Governor to declare each April Maryland Climate Education Month. Such proclamations provide a valuable opportunity for Marylanders across our state to engage in meaningful education, service, and advocacy efforts related to climate change and resiliency.

Climate change is already having an immense impact on the Chesapeake Bay watershed. We now routinely see more powerful storms increasing water pollution from runoff and stream erosion, higher temperatures putting species at risk and changing both water chemistry and underwater vegetation, and rising sea levels causing dangerous flooding. Climate change adds new challenges to an ecosystem already under stress and has long-lasting implications for its waters, wildlife, and communities.

Restoring the Bay and fighting climate change go hand in hand. Through [advocacy](#) and [restoration](#), CBF is putting practices on the ground that reduce pollution to the Bay and help communities mitigate and adapt to climate change. We can be the solution to climate change, but it will take all of us - in the Bay region and around the world - to make change that lasts. Declaring each April Maryland Climate Education Month provides an opportunity for students to learn how they can be part of the solution to climate resiliency, both by adopting changes in their own lives and by engaging broader-reaching efforts.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on HB 620.

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