

REMARKS, FORTY-PLUS, EMPLOYMENT MONTH

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I invite the attention of all of our citizens to problems which can be solved by everyone's cooperation. Among Maryland's most valuable resources are the skills and experience of our workers who are 40 years or older. I have already requested State agency heads to remove all age barriers to State employment, and that action has resulted in the addition of many fine mature men and women to the State service. I have set aside March as 40-Plus Employment Month to encourage all Maryland employers to hire on the basis of ability and qualification, and not to reject a worker solely because of his or her age. I ask you to pledge yourself to "Hire the experience of the qualified 40-plus worker" and give our mature citizens a chance to contribute to the welfare of our State.