

CITY OF BALTIMORE
RESOLUTION _____
Council Bill 11-0656

Introduced by: Councilmember Holton, President Young, Councilmembers Curran, D’Adamo, Branch, Middleton, Spector, Reisinger, Welch, Kraft, Clarke, Henry, Stokes, Conaway
Introduced and read first time: February 28, 2011
Read second time: February 28, 2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING

In Support of State Legislation – House Bill 157 - State Government - Commemorative Days - Maryland Women’s History Day

FOR the purpose of expressing strong support for this legislation that requires the Governor to annually proclaim March 8 as Maryland Women’s History Day; urging the Honorable Chair and Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee to give the bill a favorable report; requesting the Honorable Chair and Members of the Baltimore City House Delegation to the 2011 Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the legislation; respectfully calling upon the Governor to sign House Bill 157 into law; and providing for a special effective date.

Recitals

House Bill 157, which requires the Governor to annually proclaim March 8 as Maryland Women’s History Day, is of particular import to the City of Baltimore, proud home to the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center, the first comprehensive state-based center and museum of its kind in the United States.

The Maryland Women’s Heritage Center, located at 39 West Lexington Street in downtown Baltimore, was established to preserve the past, understand the present, and shape the future by recognizing, respecting, and transmitting the experiences and contributions of Maryland women and girls of diverse backgrounds and regions.

Our History is Our Strength, the 2011 theme of the National Women’s History Project, reminds us that “the stories of women’s achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women’s tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Until relatively recently, this sphere of women’s history was overlooked and undervalued. Women’s achievements were often distorted, disdained, and denied. But knowing women’s stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st century.”

The Council Resolution, *In Celebration of National Women’s History Month 2020*, a celebration of the day as well as the opening of the Women’s Heritage Center, endorsed the Executive Director’s goal of overcoming the historic omission that has resulted in women’s extraordinary accomplishments being largely invisible and applauded the fact that the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center will make history complete by living up to the motto: ***Adding herstory to history to tell ourstory, so everyone is included.***

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 Designating March 8 each year as Maryland Women’s History Day pays fitting homage to
2 our Maryland heroines, past and present, sung and unsung alike.

3 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
4 this Body strongly supports this legislation that requires the Governor to annually proclaim
5 March 8 as Maryland Women’s History Day; urges the Honorable Chair and Members of the
6 House Health and Government Operations Committee to give the bill a favorable report; requests
7 the Honorable Chair and Members of the Baltimore City House Delegation to the 2011
8 Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the legislation; and respectfully calls upon the
9 Governor to sign House Bill 157 into law.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
11 Mayor, the Governor, the Chair and Members of the House Health and Government Operations
12 Committee, the Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the
13 2011 Maryland General Assembly, the Board and Members of the Maryland Women’s Heritage
14 Center, the Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office of State Relations, and the Mayor’s
15 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

16 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
17 is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City