

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0025R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Stokes, Middleton, Glover, Ramos, Burnett, Torrence, Cohen,  
Dorsey  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day**

FOR the purpose of declaring the first Monday in March COVID-19 Victims and Survivors  
Memorial Day.

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having  
catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy;

**WHEREAS**, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken  
bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to  
provide services;

**WHEREAS**, In response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential  
workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save  
lives, sacrificing their own health and safety;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and  
communities of color, exacerbating inequities already prevalent in our systems that we must  
address as a nation;

**WHEREAS**, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social  
distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19,  
prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society;

**WHEREAS**, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual  
and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer  
with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive;

**WHEREAS**, More than 2.3 million people worldwide, 463,000 people in the United States,  
and 700 people in Baltimore City have lost their lives due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved  
ones, family members, and the surrounding community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
Council declares the first Monday in March COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the  
2       Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.