

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0057R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Gray
Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Bullock,
Blanchard, Jones, Ramos, and Torrence
Introduced and adopted: June 15, 2026

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Celebrating Black Fatherhood Month

FOR the purpose of celebrating Black Fatherhood Month and recognizing the love, support, guidance, and wisdom Black fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and other father figures have contributed to Baltimore and its children and youth.

Recitals

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Black Fatherhood Month by the City of Baltimore and coincides with the celebration of Father’s Day on Sunday, June 21st.

WHEREAS, Black fathers and father figures have served as pillars of strength, love, wisdom, and perseverance throughout Baltimore’s history, often overcoming extraordinary systemic obstacles to provide for and protect their families and communities.

WHEREAS, Black fathers are among the most involved fathers of any demographic group in the United States and are crucial to caregiving, emotional support, academic encouragement, and cultural identity formation.

WHEREAS, Black fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and other father figures instill in children a profound sense of heritage, dignity, resilience, and self-worth, passing down cultural traditions and the enduring lessons of those who came before them.

WHEREAS, a child’s trusting relationship with their father or father figure leads to the child having better mental health, higher academic achievement, higher self-esteem, and greater social awareness.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council reaffirms its commitment to celebrating and supporting Black fathers and father figures and will ensure their contributions to the City are recognized and that the City enables their continued success and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the City Council celebrates Black Fatherhood Month and recognizes the love, support, guidance, and wisdom Black fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and other father figures have contributed to Baltimore and its children and youth.

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

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
2 Office of African American Male Engagement, the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family
3 Success, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.