

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0170R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Scott, Councilmembers Clarke, Dorsey, Burnett, Bullock, Cohen,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Let Our Local Communities Act Locally

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2 FOR the purpose of expressing the Baltimore City Council’s support for the goals of “LOCAL
3 Maryland,” a coalition aimed at both preventing state pre-emption laws that serve primarily
4 as a tool to reign in progressive local governments and protecting the rights of local
5 governments to pass laws that support healthy families, a clean environment, and good jobs
6 in our local jurisdictions and municipalities throughout Maryland.

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8 There is a movement afoot in Annapolis and in state capitals across the country, backed by
9 monied special interest groups, to push state lawmakers to pass state legislation aimed at
10 preventing local governments from passing laws that support healthy families, a clean
11 environment, and good jobs. In Maryland, legislation is being drafted for this upcoming General
12 Assembly session to pre-empt local legislative action on various health laws, the minimum wage,
13 and other matters that local governments have historically been able to modify based on the
14 needs of their constituents.

15 LOCAL Maryland is a group established to support and to protect local government’s ability
16 to adequately respond to its constituents and to stop the encroachment of special interest groups
17 looking to steer Maryland backwards. LOCAL Maryland is being supported by a broad coalition
18 of local governments and activist groups, such as the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP,
19 the Public Justice Center, and 1199SEIU.

20 There is no question that local government exists to nimbly respond to and address the needs
21 of the citizens that live and work within its boundaries. As such, the Baltimore City Council
22 believes that any movement to block any local government’s ability to pass progressive-minded
23 legislation for healthy families, a clean environment, and good jobs would disproportionately
24 hurt our City, especially women, children, and people of color. To that end, the Baltimore City
25 Council stands ready to support LOCAL Maryland in any way necessary.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
27 Council expresses its support for the goals of “LOCAL Maryland,” a coalition aimed at both
28 preventing state pre-emption laws that serve primarily as a tool to reign in progressive local
29 governments and protecting the rights of local governments to pass laws that support healthy
30 families, a clean environment, and good jobs in our local jurisdictions and municipalities
31 throughout Maryland.

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 Honorable
2 Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the Maryland
3 General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House Speaker, the
4 Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.