

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 10-0193R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Conaway, President Young, Councilmembers D'Adamo,  
Curran, Branch, Holton, Cole, Middleton, Henry, Kraft, Clarke, Welch, Reisinger, Spector  
Introduced and adopted: February 22, 2010

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Bea Gaddy Recognition of Local Heroes Day**

FOR the purpose of proclaiming February 20<sup>th</sup> of each year as Bea Gaddy Recognition of Local  
Heroes Day, in honor of the life of the late City Council member and humanitarian Bea  
Gaddy, and the many Baltimore residents who embody her spirit by doing good deeds for  
those around them.

**Recitals**

Bea Gaddy, known as the Mother Teresa of Baltimore, rose from a life of poverty to become  
Baltimore's leading advocate for the homeless and the poor. Although she struggled with  
homelessness herself as a young single mother, her indomitable spirit carried her through to  
become a potent force for good in Baltimore's neighborhoods.

Helping other's was a mission for Ms. Gaddy, from the early 1970s until her death in 2001  
she used every resource at her disposal to distribute food, clothing, and shelter to the needy. She  
was best known for her Thanksgiving Day dinners, where Bea and volunteers from all segments  
of Baltimore society inspired by her example worked together to feed as many as 20,000 people.

The good deeds done by many Baltimore citizens to aid their neighbors in the wake of the  
recent historic snow storms afflicting the City show that Bea's spirit is alive and well in our  
community. Just as Bea was honored many times for her humanitarian work over the years, it is  
appropriate that those among us who go above and beyond in their efforts to uplift those around  
them should be similarly acknowledged.

Accordingly, we name Bea Gaddy's Birthday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, to be Bea Gaddy Recognition  
of Local Heroes Day from this day forward. All of Baltimore should take this day as an  
opportunity to reflect on the heroes among us who give so much back to their communities, and  
to consider how each of us can carry forward their example in our own lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That February  
20<sup>th</sup> of each year is proclaimed as Bea Gaddy Recognition of Local Heroes Day, in honor of the  
life of the late City Council member and humanitarian Bea Gaddy, and the many Baltimore  
residents who embody her spirit by doing good deeds for those around them.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is urged to join the Council in proclaiming  
February 20<sup>th</sup> of each year as Bea Gaddy Recognition of Local Heroes Day.

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 Mayor and the  
2 family of Ms. Bea Gaddy.