

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0656
(Resolution)**

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

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

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

11 **Recitals**

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

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

20 *Our History is Our Strength*, the 2011 theme of the National Women’s History Project,
21 reminds us that “the stories of women’s achievements are integral to the fabric of our history.
22 Learning about women’s tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a
23 tremendous source of strength. Until relatively recently, this sphere of women’s history was
24 overlooked and undervalued. Women’s achievements were often distorted, disdained, and
25 denied. But knowing women’s stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role
26 models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the
27 21st century.”

28 The Council Resolution, *In Celebration of National Women’s History Month 2020*, a
29 celebration of the day as well as the opening of the Women’s Heritage Center, endorsed the
30 Executive Director’s goal of overcoming the historic omission that has resulted in women’s

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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1 extraordinary accomplishments being largely invisible and applauded the fact that the Maryland
2 Women’s Heritage Center will make history complete by living up to the motto: *Adding*
3 *herstory to history to tell ourstory, so everyone is included.*

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

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

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
14 Mayor, the Governor, the Chair and Members of the House Health and Government Operations
15 Committee, the Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the
16 2011 Maryland General Assembly, the Board and Members of the Maryland Women’s Heritage
17 Center, the Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office of State Relations, and the Mayor’s
18 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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