

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0040R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Gray
Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Bullock, Blanchard, Ramos, Conway, Middleton,
Torrence, and Porter, and President Cohen
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Recognizing December as Small and Minority-Owned Business Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing December as Small and Minority Business Month; and affirming the City's commitment to supporting local entrepreneurship that is inclusive of all backgrounds.

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WHEREAS, small and minority-owned businesses are the engine of Baltimore's economy, creating jobs, providing essential goods, and building the identity of the City's neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, Black, Latino, Asian, Indigenous, immigrant, and female business owners have long contributed to the strength and resilience of Baltimore, often overcoming historic and systemic barriers to economic opportunity.

WHEREAS, it is vital that the City of Baltimore invests intentionally in businesses that reflect the spirit and diversity of the City and keep resources circulating within the local economy.

WHEREAS, by choosing to shop, contract, and invest locally, residents, corporations, and organizations can help build a stronger, more inclusive economy that reflects our shared values of fairness, opportunity, and self-determination.

WHEREAS, the City of Baltimore proudly celebrates the community leadership of its entrepreneurs who have persevered through economic hardship, market inequities, and limited access to capital, and recommits to policies and partnerships that empower small and minority-owned businesses to grow and thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council recognizes December as Small and Minority Business Month and affirms the City's commitment to supporting local entrepreneurship that is inclusive of all backgrounds.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy and Development, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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