

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0039R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Porter

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Ramos, Conway,
Middleton, Jones, and President Cohen

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Recognizing December 10 as Human Rights Day

FOR the purpose of recognizing December 10 as Human Rights Day; reaffirming the City Council's commitment to aligning its policy with the human rights obligations of international law; and calling on all City agencies, organizations, and residents to reaffirm their commitment to the fundamental rights and intrinsic worth of all human beings.

Recitals

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, establishing universal rights including freedom, equal dignity, freedom of movement, and peace for all people.

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has ratified multiple treaties protecting human rights, which are the "supreme Law of the Land" under Article VI, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, in the face of violations of these rights both domestically and internationally, the City is committed to making its residents aware of their rights and protections and to stand against all those who seek to infringe upon them.

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to protect its residents from any such infringements, including but not limited to illegal detention and inhumane treatment, by federal, State, or local forces.

WHEREAS, the denial of reproductive care and the criminalization of people based on pregnancy outcomes constitutes a violation of the rights to health, equality, and freedom from inhumane and degrading treatment, and has led to devastating consequences for individuals and families in the United States.

WHEREAS, the City of Baltimore reaffirmed its commitment to protecting its citizens' reproductive rights by adopting a resolution on September 30, 2024, committing the City to supporting measures to ensure access to abortion, family planning, labor and delivery care, miscarriage management, prenatal and postnatal care, and all other reproductive health services regardless of background.

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

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1 **WHEREAS**, the City Council champions the missions of local agencies dedicated to defending
2 these rights, such as the Mayor’s Office of Equity and Civil Rights and the Mayor’s Office of
3 Immigrant Affairs, and reaffirms its commitment to working with local officials in defense of
4 those missions.

5 **WHEREAS**, December 10 is recognized around the world as “Human Rights Day”.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City
7 Council recognizes December 10 as Human Rights Day; reaffirms its commitment to aligning its
8 policy with the human rights obligations of international law; and calls on all City agencies,
9 organizations, and residents to reaffirm their commitment to the fundamental rights and intrinsic
10 worth of all human beings.

11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
12 Commissioner of the Health Department, the Director of the Office of Equity and Civil Rights,
13 the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Commissioner of the Baltimore
14 Police Department, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to City Council.