

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

Middlebury, Harry, Soule, 1/2/18, Buller, ENGED

Castello

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: April 16, 2019

Pinkett, Dorsey

RESOLUTION

Referred to: _____ Committee

Clarke

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 19-0152R

Reisinger

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

Genocide Awareness Month - April 2019

By Dorsey

FOR the purpose of recognizing April as Genocide Awareness Month.

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Agencies

_____	Baltimore City Public School System
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation
_____	City Solicitor
_____	Comptroller's Office
_____	Department of Audits
_____	Department of Finance
_____	Department of General Services
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development
_____	Department of Human Resources
_____	Department of Planning
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Department of Public Works
_____	Department of Real Estate
_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Fire Department
_____	Health Department
_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Police Department
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Board of Estimates
_____	Board of Ethics
_____	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
_____	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
_____	Commission on Sustainability
_____	Employees' Retirement System
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
_____	Planning Commission
_____	Wage Commission
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
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Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0152R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, Ex Officio Council President Middleton,
Councilmembers Henry, Schleifer, Scott, Costello, Pinkett, Dorsey, Cohen, Burnett, Clarke,
Reisinger, Bullock, Sneed
Introduced and adopted: April 22, 2019

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Genocide Awareness Month - April 2019

FOR the purpose of recognizing April as Genocide Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, During the Second World War, Raphael Lemkin, a Polish lawyer of Jewish descent, coined the term “genocide” to describe a coordinated plan of action aimed at the destruction of the foundations of life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating a group itself, for example, by obliterating a group’s political and social institutions, culture, language, national feelings, religion, and economic existence, and destroying the personal security, liberty, health, dignity, and the lives of individuals belonging to the group; and

WHEREAS, Following the Holocaust, on December 9, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 260(III)A, the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, declaring genocide to be a crime under international law, and defining genocide to include the commission of certain acts, including killing members of the group, causing bodily or mental harm to members of the group, deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about a group’s physical destruction in whole or in part, imposing measures to prevent births within the group, and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group, with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, national, ethnic, racial, or religious groups; and

WHEREAS, Genocide and mass atrocities are crimes that have, in many instances, been perpetuated before and after the Holocaust, including in Armenia, Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan, and that are currently being perpetuated in Syria and Myanmar; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore City is also home to people who have endured genocide and mass atrocities in their countries’ origin; and

WHEREAS, The history of the United States of America is informed by acts of genocide and mass atrocities that have been perpetuated in this land, including the genocide of indigenous people, the enslavement of African and African-American people, and racial terror lynchings; and

WHEREAS, All acts of genocide, mass atrocities, and identity-based violence leave a legacy of trauma and inequality that must be healed and resolved, in order for a society to move forward together; and

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

Council Bill 19-0152R

1 **WHEREAS, Together We Remember is an organization dedicated to ending all forms of**
2 **identity-based violence, including genocide, through remembrance vigils that encourage**
3 **communities to face historical traumas and take peaceful action to address them through**
4 **dialogue, education, technology, and advocacy; and**

5 **WHEREAS, Baltimore City condemns and desires to combat all acts of genocide and identity-**
6 **based violence and to counteract attitudes of intolerance, racism, antisemitism, hatred, and**
7 **extremism that enable mass violence; and**

8 **WHEREAS, Expert bodies have found that, in order to prevent future genocides and mass**
9 **atrocities, effective prevention measures must be implemented before a crisis erupts and that**
10 **educating the public can help protect individual rights and promote a culture of lawfulness and**
11 **moral courage that will help prevent future genocides and hate crimes; and**

12 **WHEREAS, Educating the public about the nature and progression of mass violence, from**
13 **dangerous speech to mass genocide, and commemorating victims and survivors of all forms of**
14 **identity-based violence, including the adoption of a Genocide Awareness Month resolution, are**
15 **effective tools that will further these goals.**

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the**
17 **Council recognizes the month of April of each year as Genocide Awareness Month.**

18 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the**
19 **Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.**

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____ R
(Resolution)

APPROVED FOR FORM STYLE, AND TENTIAL SUFFIENCY
4-16-19
DEPT. LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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THE OFFICIAL COPY CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IS THE FIRST READER COPY.

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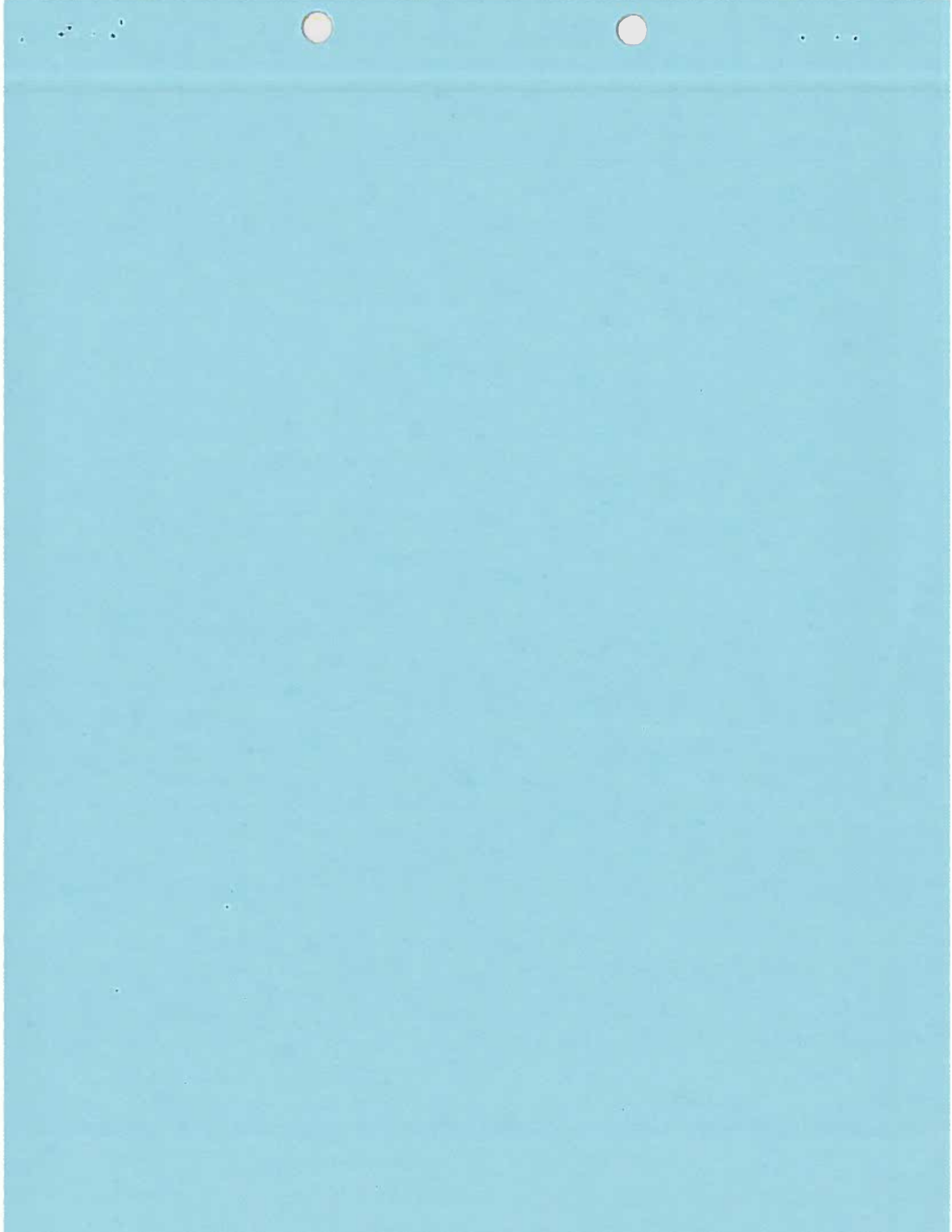
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

APR 22 2019

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

_____ 20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk