

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0069R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Scott, Henry, Middleton, Mosby, Welch, Cole, Branch,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Histiocytosis Awareness Month

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2 FOR the purpose of observing Histiocytosis Awareness Month in October and giving special
3 recognition to the families and friends who have worked tirelessly to enable the Histiocytosis
4 Association to raise awareness about these diseases, provide educational and support
5 programs, and, importantly, fund peer-reviewed research leading to better treatments and a
6 cure.

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8 Histiocytosis Awareness Month is a collaborative effort by the Histiocytosis Association and
9 community citizens across the country. Histiocytic disorders are considered orphan diseases
10 meaning they affect less than 200,000 people per year in the United States. These diseases occur
11 because of the overproduction of a certain cell in the body and wherever these cells accumulate
12 they cause “cancer-like” damage.

13 Although these diseases are not thought to be a cancer, the pain and suffering of patients can
14 be just as severe as that caused by the more prevalent diseases that receive a high priority for
15 federal research funding. Some patients can experience a single lesion that goes into remission
16 while others may have several sites of involvement that can be chronic, debilitating, and fatal.
17 There is presently no known cure, and therefore the goal of treatment is to cause the disease to go
18 into remission. Increased funding by the National Institutes of Health is crucial to facilitating
19 research into these diseases.

20 This proclamation is in conjunction with the Histiocytosis Association, which designated the
21 month of September as “Histiocytosis Awareness Month”.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That this body
23 supports the observance of Histiocytosis Awareness Month in October and gives special
24 recognition to the families and friends who have worked tirelessly to enable the Histiocytosis
25 Association to raise awareness about these diseases, provide educational and support programs,
26 and, importantly, fund peer-reviewed research leading to better treatments and a cure.

27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the
28 Mayor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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