

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0071R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, Henry, Middleton, Stokes, President Young,

Councilmembers Scott, Mosby, Welch, Kraft, Cole, Curran, Clarke, Branch

Introduced and read first time: October 22, 2012

Assigned to: Health Committee

Committee Report: Favorable

Adopted: November 19, 2012

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week – November 10th to 18th**

2 FOR the purpose of proclaiming November 10-18, 2012 as National Hunger and Homeless
3 Awareness Week and encouraging all citizens to recognize that many people do not have
4 housing and need support from citizens, and private or public nonprofit service entities.

5 **WHEREAS**, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National
6 Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and
7 Homeless Awareness Week.

8 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this week is to educate the public about the many reasons people are
9 hungry and homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Baltimore for very low
10 income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as
11 community service opportunities for students and school service organizations.

12 **WHEREAS**, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive
13 services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless including the Helping Up Mission,
14 Project PLASE, Health Care for the Homeless, and the Homeless Services Program in the Mayor's
15 Office of Human Services.

16 **WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious
17 problem for many individuals and families in Baltimore.

18 **WHEREAS**, the intent of National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week is consistent with the
19 activities of the Homeless Services Program in the Mayor's Office of Human Services and *The*
20 *Journey Home* campaign, Baltimore City's plan to make homelessness a rare and brief experience
21 in our community.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the Council
23 hereby proclaims November 10-18, 2012 as National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week and
24 encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from
25 citizens, and private or public nonprofit service entities.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Health
2 Commissioner, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.