

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0064
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Sneed, Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Costello,
Henry, Dorsey, Burnett, Pinkett, Scott, Cohen, Clarke, Reisinger, Bullock

Introduced and read first time: April 24, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Commemorative Days – Henrietta Lacks Day**

3 FOR the purpose of declaring October 4 of each year to be Henrietta Lacks Day and requiring the
4 Mayor to proclaim Henrietta Lacks Day on October 4 of each year.

5 BY adding

6 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
7 Section(s) 36-2
8 Baltimore City Code
9 (Edition 2000)

10 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
11 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

14 **Subtitle 36. Commemorative Days**

15 **§ 36-2. HENRIETTA LACKS DAY .**

16 OCTOBER 4 OF EACH YEAR SHALL BE HENRIETTA LACKS DAY IN HONOR OF THE DEATH ON
17 OCTOBER 4, 1951 OF HENRIETTA LACKS, WHOSE CERVICAL CANCER CELLS WERE TAKEN
18 WITHOUT HER OR HER FAMILY’S KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT TO CREATE THE HELA LINE OF
19 CELLS USED TO FURTHER MEDICAL SCIENCE, INCLUDING CURES AND TREATMENTS FOR
20 DISEASES SUCH AS POLIO, CANCER, AND AIDS. THE MAYOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM
21 THIS DAY AS HENRIETTA LACKS DAY TO RECOGNIZE THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT IN MEDICAL
22 HISTORY.

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
24 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
25 Ordinance.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
2 after the date it is enacted.