

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0146R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes
Introduced and adopted: December 8, 2022

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 **Homeless Persons Memorial Day**

2 FOR the purpose of recognizing December 21, 2022 as “Homeless Persons Memorial Day” in
3 Baltimore City.

4 **Recitals**

5 **WHEREAS**, December 21 marks the first day of winter and the longest night of the year and
6 communities across the country have chosen this day to remember men and women who have
7 died without a place to call home.

8 **WHEREAS**, safe, decent, and affordable housing has become increasingly inaccessible due to
9 rising costs, racial inequities such as housing segregation, inadequate incomes, the decline of
10 affordable units, and structural inequities.

11 **WHEREAS**, people experiencing homelessness have higher rates of chronic disease, are more
12 susceptible to illness and injury, and are significantly more likely to die prematurely than their
13 housed counterparts.

14 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City joins communities nationwide to remember those who have died
15 without a secure place to live, and to recognize that every member of society should have the
16 right to safe and affordable housing.

17 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City has committed to making homelessness a rare and brief
18 experience, we recommit our community to working for affordable housing, livable incomes, and
19 accessible healthcare, which we recognize as fundamental to the goal of ending homelessness.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
21 Baltimore City Council recognizes December 21, 2022 as Homeless Persons Memorial Day in
22 Baltimore City.

23 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor’s Office
24 of Homeless Services and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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