

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0311R
(Resolution)**

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

In Support of – ONE: THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

FOR the purpose of expressing support for ONE: THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY, an effort by Americans to rally Americans – ONE by ONE – to join a coalition of 2 million people and over 70 of the nation's leading relief, humanitarian, and advocacy organizations to fight the exigency of global AIDS and extreme poverty.

Recitals

The MAKE POVERTY HISTORY was a British and Irish coalition of charities, religious groups, trade unions, and celebrities mobilized around the UK's prominence in world politics in 2005, to increase awareness and pressure governments into taking actions towards relieving absolute poverty. In April, 2005, a commercial began airing in the United States, featuring 33 celebrities and personalities stating the pledge of the American ONE Campaign to end extreme poverty, hunger and AIDS. The founding sponsors of ONE are Bread for the World, CARE, International Medical Corps, International Rescue Committee, Mercy Corps, Oxfam America, Plan USA, Save the Children US, World Concern, and the World Vision. They are strongly supported by the NBA, MTV's Rock the Vote, and the Millennium Campaign.

The ONE Campaign is "an effort by Americans to rally Americans – one by one – to fight the emergency of global AIDS and extreme poverty. ONE is students and ministers, punk rockers and NASCAR moms, American of all beliefs and every walk of life, united to help make poverty history. The ONE campaign derives its name from the belief that allocating an additional one percent of the U.S. budget toward providing these basic needs like health, education, clean water, and food would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation of the world's poorest countries." ONE also calls for debt cancellation, trade reform, and anti-corruption measures in a comprehensive package to help Africa and the poorest nations defeat AIDS and end extreme poverty.

The nonpartisan – there's only one side in the fight against global AIDS and extreme poverty – ONE Campaign asks Americans to add their voices, their commitment, and their signatures to The ONE Declaration:

"WE BELIEVE that in the best American tradition of helping others help themselves, now is the time to join with other countries in a historic pact for compassion and justice to help the poorest people of the world overcome AIDS and extreme poverty.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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1 *WE RECOGNIZE* that a pact including such measures as fair trade, debt relief,
2 fighting corruption and directing additional support for basic needs – education,
3 health, clean water, food, and care for orphans – would transform the futures and
4 hopes of an entire generation in the poorest countries, at a cost equal to just one
5 percent of the U.S. budget.

6 *WE COMMIT* ourselves – one person, one voice, one vote at a time – to make a
7 better safer world for all.”.

8 Baltimore’s history of strong neighborhood involvement is based on the same premise that
9 drives ONE – every one of us, working in concert, has the power to bring about change that
10 benefits the larger community.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this
12 Body supports the goals of ONE: THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY, an
13 effort by Americans to rally Americans – ONE by ONE – to join a coalition of 2 million people
14 and over 70 of the nation’s leading relief, humanitarian, and advocacy organizations to fight the
15 exigency of global AIDS and extreme poverty.

16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
17 Baltimore ONE Campaign, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.