

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 13-0129R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, Curran, Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Supplier Diversity and Inclusion Week – October 28 to November 1, 2013

FOR the purpose of recognizing October 28th through November 1st, 2013, as Supplier Diversity
and Inclusion Week in Baltimore.

Recitals

One of Baltimore's greatest strengths is its broad diversity. Our city is at its finest when it
takes full advantage of this diversity by mobilizing and empowering all of Baltimore's many
communities.

Women and minority owned business enterprises (W/MBEs) are often among the most
important and effective agents for lifting up their communities. Engaging and strengthening
them is therefore a key to empowering otherwise disengaged segments of our city.

City Government has made an ongoing commitment to support W/MBEs by helping them to
build capacities and encouraging them to become City suppliers and contractors. Thanks to these
efforts, W/MBEs make up an ever growing percentage of the companies participating in City
operations. Although more remains to be done to ensure that the City's supplier base is as
diverse as her citizens, real progress has been, and continues to be, made.

During Supplier Diversity and Inclusion Week, from October 28th to November 1st, Baltimore
will be celebrating the diversity of our supplier base, while highlighting the continuing efforts to
further uplift traditionally marginalized populations through greater engagement with W/MBEs.
The contributions of W/MBEs to our communities are as diverse as the owners of these
businesses. Throughout the week, daily events recognizing these contributions will give us many
opportunities to reflect on the tremendous value the entrepreneurs behind the region's W/MBEs
bring to Baltimore and the importance of supporting their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the
Council recognizes October 28th through November 1st, 2013, as Supplier Diversity and Inclusion
Week in Baltimore.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
Director of the Minority & Women-Owned Business Development Office, and the Mayor's
Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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