

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 17-0064

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
Committee Report: Favorable, with floor amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: July 17, 2017

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Commemorative Days – Henrietta Lacks Day

FOR the purpose of declaring ~~October 4~~ August 1 of each year to be Henrietta Lacks Day and
requiring the Mayor to proclaim Henrietta Lacks Day on ~~October 4~~ August 1 of each year.

BY adding

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

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

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 36. Commemorative Days

§ 36-2. HENRIETTA LACKS DAY .

AUGUST 1 ~~OCTOBER 4~~ OF EACH YEAR SHALL BE HENRIETTA LACKS DAY IN HONOR OF THE
~~DEATH ON OCTOBER 4, 1951~~ BIRTH ON AUGUST 1, 1920 OF HENRIETTA LACKS, WHOSE
CERVICAL CANCER CELLS WERE TAKEN WITHOUT HER OR HER FAMILY’S KNOWLEDGE OR
CONSENT TO CREATE THE HELA LINE OF CELLS USED TO FURTHER MEDICAL SCIENCE,
INCLUDING CURES AND TREATMENTS FOR DISEASES SUCH AS POLIO, CANCER, AND AIDS. THE
MAYOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM THIS DAY AS HENRIETTA LACKS DAY TO RECOGNIZE
THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT IN MEDICAL HISTORY.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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

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

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City