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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Sneed

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

**Commemorative Days - Henrietta Lacks Day**

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

October 4 of each year shall be Henrietta Lacks Day in honor of the death on October 4, 1951 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.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.