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

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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Holton

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning
Supplier Diversity and Inclusion Week - October 28 to November 1, 2013

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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 & WomenOwned Business Development Office, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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