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For the purpose of declaring the first Monday in March COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.  
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### Introductory\*

## City of Baltimore Council Bill      R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

### A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

### **COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day**

For the purpose of declaring the first Monday in March COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

### Recitals

**Whereas**, COVID-19 has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy;

**Whereas**, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services;

**Whereas**, In response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety;

**Whereas**, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color, exacerbating inequities already prevalent in our systems that we must address as a nation;

**Whereas**, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society;

**Whereas**, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive;

**Whereas**, More than 2.3 million people worldwide, 463,000 people in the United States, and 700 people in Baltimore City have lost their lives due to COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, Each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and the surrounding community.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore**, That the City Council declares the first Monday in March COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

**And be it further resolved**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.