



## Legislation Text

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### Introductory\*

### City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: President Scott

### A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

#### **2020 Transgender Day of Remembrance**

For the purpose of recognizing November 20, 2020, as Transgender Day of Remembrance and mourning the loss of our transgender siblings.

### Recitals

**Whereas**, Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed every November 20 to honor the memory of transgender individuals who lost their lives due to acts of anti-transgender violence in the previous year;

**Whereas**, At least one transgender person has been murdered in Baltimore City per year during the last 8 years;

**Whereas**, Two transgender women tragically lost their lives this year in Baltimore City;

**Whereas**, There is an epidemic of violence against transgender individuals both locally and nationally;

**Whereas**, Transgender individuals suffer from an increased rate of violence compared to non-transgender individuals. The Supporting Transgender Research and Opportunities in the Baltimore Environment study found that 75% of participants had experienced physical violence;

**Whereas**, The lives of transgender people of color and transgender women are especially at risk; the 2014 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-Affected Hate Violence Report, published by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, found that 50% of hate violence homicide victims in 2014 were transgender women of color;

**Whereas**, Transgender women survivors of hate violence are more likely to experience police violence, physical violence, discrimination, harassment, sexual violence, threats, and intimidation than women who are not transgender;

**Whereas**, It is unknown how many transgender individuals are killed each year due to bigotry and anti-transgender violence because murders of transgender people are often unreported or the identity of transgender individuals that are killed are misreported.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore,** That the City Council recognizes November 20, 2020, as Transgender Day of Remembrance and mourns the loss of our transgender siblings.

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