



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.