



Legislation Text

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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.