

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 29

Resolution No. 42-20

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, October 19, 2020

1 RESOLUTION recognizing Sunday, November 1, 2020 as Maryland Emancipation
2 Day in Anne Arundel County

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4 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863
5 freed slaves in Confederate states but not in the Union state of Maryland; and

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7 WHEREAS, Maryland's constitution at that time forbade the passage of any law
8 that would abolish slavery and, to end slavery, Maryland needed a new constitution;
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11 WHEREAS, in his annual message to the Maryland General Assembly in 1864,
12 Governor Augustus W. Bradford asked for a constitutional convention bill to
13 address the issue of slavery in Maryland and the legislature promptly complied; and

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15 WHEREAS, delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1864 were elected by
16 the voters on April 6, 1864 and the convention convened in Annapolis on April 27,
17 1864 and adjourned on September 6, 1864; and

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19 WHEREAS, William B. Bond, Sprigg Harwood, Dr. Eli J. Henkle, and Oliver
20 Miller were the delegates from Anne Arundel County; and

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22 WHEREAS, a state-wide referendum was held October 12 and 13, 1864, with
23 special provisions to allow soldiers in the field to vote, and the new state
24 constitution was adopted; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Maryland Constitution of 1864 went into effect November 1 the
27 same year and the enslaved people of Maryland were finally declared free; and

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29 WHEREAS, slavery in other parts of the United States was not officially ended
30 until June 19, 1865 – or Juneteenth – more than seven months after Maryland
31 abolished slavery within its boundaries; and

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33 WHEREAS, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, that finally abolished
34 slavery nationwide, was not ratified until December 6, 1865 – more than one year
35 after enslaved people of Maryland were freed; and

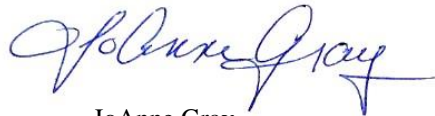
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37 WHEREAS, Maryland and all of its counties played an important role in the end to
38 slavery in the United States; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
2 *recognizes Sunday, November 1, 2020 as Maryland Emancipation Day in Anne Arundel*
3 *County and calls upon the people of Anne Arundel County to join their fellow citizens in*
4 *recognizing this special observance; and be it further*

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6 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.*

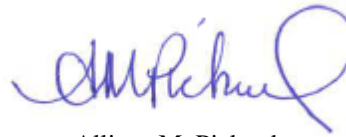
READ AND PASSED this 19th day of October, 2020.

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 42-20 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison M. Pickard
Chair