



# CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

## RESOLUTION NO. 12-2025

### A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND, TO ALTER THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY OF LAUREL JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Sponsored by President at the request of the Administrator.*

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2021, the Mayor and City Council adopted Ordinance No.1979 making Juneteenth Freedom Day an official City of Laurel Holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel recognize the importance of remembering and celebrating Juneteenth Freedom Day in the City, with a community-wide celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, within Ordinance No. 1979 the City Council requested that the Mayor appoint a Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Committee to plan for a 2022, community-wide celebration to be held on or about June 19, 2022, to honor and celebrate African American freedom in the City of Laurel; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2021 the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 8-2021 establishing the City of Laurel Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laurel Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Committee has held an annual celebration each year since 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laurel Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Executive Committee voting membership requirement of twelve (12) has made it challenging to obtain a quorum in order to conduct official business of the Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laurel Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Executive Committee has requested that the Mayor and City Council reduce the required number of voting members from twelve (12) to seven (7), thus allowing for a meeting quorum to be established with a minimum of four (4) voting members present; and

**WHEREAS**, that the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, desire to provide for the efficient conduct of business for the City of Laurel Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Executive Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the City of Laurel Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Executive Committee voting membership requirement is hereby altered by this Resolution.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Planning Executive Committee description sheet which is contained in Attachment "A"- *Revised and attached* hereto, providing for the purpose, program description, staff assignment(s), appointment process for the Chair, Vice Chair and Members, meeting location, time and frequency is hereby adopted as part of this Resolution.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members shall serve without compensation, and all meetings shall be held in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect from the date of its adoption.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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**SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC**  
City Clerk

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**BRENCIS D. SMITH**  
President of the City Council

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**KEITH R. SYDNOR**  
Mayor