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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2023 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **7**

Bill No. 31 -2023

Introduced by: David Yungmann

AN ACT designating September 19 as Howard County Flag Day; and generally relating to the Howard County Flag.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2023. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2023.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2023 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2023 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2023

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Howard County has a long history in the heart of central Maryland as an
2 agricultural community at the crossroads of Baltimore and Washington DC, and since its
3 founding in 1851 has created for itself a strong community, culture, and history; and

4 **WHEREAS**, 1968 was a time of profound change for the County as the voters of the County
5 adopted the Howard County Charter creating a charter form of government; and

6 **WHEREAS**, to celebrate our history and usher in the new era for the County, the Central
7 Maryland News sponsored a contest for County residents to design an official flag; and

8 **WHEREAS**, amongst the almost 40 contest entries was the design of Mrs. Jean O. Hannon of
9 Ellicott City, who spent her life as a preservationist, historian, and community advocate
10 for the people of Howard County; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Hannon's design consisted of a red and white cross, a gold sheaf of wheat
12 representing the agricultural heritage of the County, and a County map encased in a
13 golden triangle representing the future of the County; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on June 6, 1968, Mrs. Hannon's design was enthusiastically chosen by a panel of
15 County Commissioners, Circuit Court Judges, and State Legislators to be the new official
16 flag of Howard County; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on September 19, 1968, the flag was presented to the Howard County
18 Commissioners and was raised before local leaders and members of the community at the
19 County Court House for the first time; and

20 **WHEREAS**, since it first flew in 1968, the Howard County flag continues to adorn government
21 buildings, local businesses, parks, and homes, and has become an important part of our
22 County's community, culture, and history; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Council seeks to celebrate our unique history and our County
24 flag by designating September 19 as Howard County Flag Day.

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1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 *By amending:*

4 *Title 22 – General Provisions*

5 *Subtitle 1. County Flag and County Seal*

6 *Section Sec. 22.100. - County flag.*

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8 **HOWARD COUNTY CODE**

9 **Title 22 – General Provisions**

10 **Subtitle 1. County Flag and County Seal**

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12 **Sec. 22.100. - County flag.**

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14 (A) The Howard County flag is a red, white, green and gold design which incorporates part of
15 the flag of the State of Maryland. Added to the basic design, on the first quarterly, a sheaf
16 of wheat in gold. In the fourth quarterly, a green outline of the County is set in a triangle of
17 gold. The remaining quarterlies are red. The flag is centered with the same red and white
18 cross incorporated in the flag of the State of Maryland.

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20 The design is as published in the Central Maryland News of June 6, 1968.

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22 (B) *FLAG DAY.* SEPTEMBER 19 IS HOWARD COUNTY FLAG DAY, CELEBRATING THE SEPTEMBER
23 19, 1968 ADOPTION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY FLAG AS DESIGNED BY COUNTY RESIDENT
24 JEAN O. HANNON.

25 (C) *PROCLAMATION.* EACH YEAR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 19 AS
26 HOWARD COUNTY FLAG DAY AND SHALL:

- 27 (1) CALL ON COUNTY OFFICIALS TO DISPLAY THE HOWARD COUNTY FLAG ON GOVERNMENT
28 BUILDINGS;
- 29 (2) URGE THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES OF THE COUNTY TO OBSERVE THE OCCASION; AND
- 30 (3) TAKE ANY OTHER STEPS TO CELEBRATE HOWARD COUNTY’S FLAG AND HISTORY.

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32 **Section 4. *And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
33 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*