

1 **..Title**

2 **United States Naval Academy** - For the purpose of commemorating the United States Naval  
3 Academy's 175th Anniversary of its founding.

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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
6 **City of Annapolis**

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8 **Resolution 57-20**

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10 **Introduced by: Alderman Paone**

11 **Co-sponsored by:**

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13 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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15 **United States Naval Academy**

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17 **FOR** the purpose of commemorating the United States Naval Academy's 175th Anniversary of  
18 its founding.

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20 **WHEREAS,** this year commemorates 175 years of leadership, service, and tradition at the United  
21 States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; and

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23 **WHEREAS,** on October 10, 1845, "The Naval School" was established by then-Secretary of the  
24 Navy George Bancroft on a 10-acre Army post in Annapolis called Fort Severn.  
25 There were initially only 50 students and seven faculty members, and the  
26 curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam propulsion,  
27 chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French; and

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29 **WHEREAS,** in 1850 "The Naval School" became the United States Naval Academy and a new  
30 curriculum went into effect requiring midshipmen to study at the Academy for four  
31 years and to train aboard ships each summer; and

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33 **WHEREAS,** as the U.S. Navy grew over the years, the United States Naval Academy expanded  
34 from a campus of 10 acres to 338 acres, the original student body of 50 midshipmen  
35 grew to a brigade size of nearly 4,400, the initial seven member faculty grew to  
36 more than 1,200 faculty, staff, and coaches, and modern granite buildings replaced  
37 the old wooden structures of Fort Severn; and

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39 **WHEREAS,** the development of the United States Naval Academy has reflected the history of  
40 the country; as America has changed culturally and technologically so has the  
41 Naval Academy. In 1949, Wesley A. Brown became the first African-American  
42 graduate, the class of 1980 was the first class to graduate women, and the class of  
43 2023 included 312 women (26%) and a total of 471 minority midshipmen (40%)  
44 on Induction Day; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, today, the United States Naval Academy offers midshipmen state-of-the-art  
2 academic and professional training in subjects such as cyber security, seamanship  
3 and navigation tactics, naval engineering, naval weapons, leadership, ethics and  
4 military law, and small arms and drill; and  
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6 **WHEREAS**, over the years the United States Naval Academy has forged a phenomenal  
7 relationship with its surrounding community and the City of Annapolis is proud to  
8 join in this opportunity to congratulate the Academy and its midshipmen on this  
9 landmark occasion.  
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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14 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of Annapolis joins  
15 in commemorating the 175-year history of the United States Naval Academy.  
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18 **EXPLANATION**

19 Underlining indicates matter added.

20 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.  
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