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2 **Maryland Emancipation Day** - For the purpose of supporting the establishment of November 1<sup>st</sup>  
3 as Maryland Emancipation Day; and generally relating to Maryland Emancipation Day.

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

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8 **Resolution 67-20**

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10 **Introduced by: Alderman Schandelmeier**  
11 **Co-sponsored by: Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Pindell Charles,**  
12 **Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderwoman Tierney**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **Maryland Emancipation Day**

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18 **FOR** the purpose of supporting the establishment of November 1<sup>st</sup> as Maryland Emancipation  
19 Day; and generally relating to Maryland Emancipation Day.

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22 **WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1864, Maryland adopted a new constitution that abolished slavery,  
23 making it the first state with slaves to voluntarily free its slaves by popular vote;  
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26 **WHEREAS,** President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 had only freed slaves in  
27 rebel states, of which Maryland was not one; and

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29 **WHEREAS,** Annapolis was a port where slaves such as Kunta Kinte were shipped to the New  
30 World; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** on January 8, 2020, Senator Ellis introduced Senate Bill 76 for the purpose of  
33 establishing Maryland Emancipation Day as a State legal holiday, a public school  
34 holiday, a bank holiday, and a State employee holiday; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** Senator Ellis intends to sponsor the same version of Senate Bill 76 during the 2021  
37 legislative session; and

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39 **WHEREAS,** the Annapolis City Council wishes to express its support for establishing November  
40 1<sup>st</sup> as Maryland Emancipation Day.

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42 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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44 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of Annapolis  
45 supports the establishment of November 1<sup>st</sup> as Maryland Emancipation Day, and encourages the

1 Maryland General Assembly to establish November 1<sup>st</sup> as a State legal holiday, a public school  
2 holiday, a bank holiday, and a State employee holiday.

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**EXPLANATION**

Underlining indicates matter added.  
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