



Legislation Text

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March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration Waiver - For the purpose of waiving City Code restrictions on Major Events at City Dock two weeks in a row and authorizing the March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration march and rally on August 26, 2023.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 37-23

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley

A RESOLUTION concerning

March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration Waiver

FOR the purpose of waiving City Code restrictions on Major Events at City Dock two weeks in a row and authorizing the March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration march and rally on August 26, 2023.

WHEREAS, August 28, 2023, marks the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom when more than a quarter million people participated in a rally at the Lincoln Memorial and marched together to the U.S. Capitol; and

WHEREAS, It was the 1963 March on Washington where the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, inspiring civil rights marches and rallies across the country over the past 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Many Annapolitans participated in the 1963 March on Washington which led to a couple of dozen of the City's first African Americans hired and elected to important roles, including the first two African American Annapolis police officers, Andrew Turner and George Leverett (1960); the first African American Annapolis Fire Department firefighter, Claude "Shorty" Coates (1970); and the first female African American elected to the Annapolis City Council, Cynthia Abney Carter (1997); and

WHEREAS, The March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration march and rally will be held Saturday, August 26, in Annapolis starting at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and ending at Susan Campbell Park in City Dock; and

WHEREAS, Title 14 § 18.160(A)(4), "Major events at City dock" section of the City of Annapolis Code states, "Major City dock events shall not be permitted on successive weekends during the months of April, May, June, July, and August."; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved the Maryland Seafood Festival on August 19 and 20 which conflicts with the Major City Dock events restriction in §14.18.160(A)(4);

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the restriction on Major City Dock events in §14.18.160(A)(4) be waived on August 26, 2023, for the March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration march and rally.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.