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**Frederick County to Commemorate
One-Year Anniversary of First COVID-19 Cases**
Day of Remembrance to Include Amber Lights on Winchester Hall

FREDERICK, Md. – County Executive Jan Gardner announced that on Friday, March 5, Frederick County will participate in the statewide commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the Maryland's first confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Governor Larry Hogan has declared Friday a day of remembrance in honor of the more than 7,700 Marylanders who have lost their lives to COVID-19 during the pandemic. Frederick County has lost 272 residents due to the virus. These are not just statistics. These are friends, neighbors, co-workers and community members who are mourned and missed by those who loved them.

In coordination with the state's ceremony, Frederick County's Winchester Hall will be lit amber, as will ROOT and the Treasury/Division of Planning and Permitting buildings on North Market Street. Frederick County residents are encouraged to pause and reflect along with leaders Friday.

"This week I encourage all Frederick County residents to join us as we take a moment to remember the many people we've lost since the onset of the COVID-19 health crisis one year ago," Executive Gardner said. "Let us also take this opportunity to show our gratitude for the health care workers, first responders and all those working on the frontlines throughout this pandemic who, at their own personal risk, have worked tirelessly for many months to save lives and make us safer."

As of today, Frederick County has reported 17,035 confirmed cases of COVID-19. As the fight continues against COVID-19, residents are reminded to do their part by wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance, and washing hands frequently.

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