County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session Legislative day # 12

RESOLUTION NO. 179 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Jeminetu Usman – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeminetu Usman to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

Introduced and read first time on Oct 5, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Oct 19, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ✓, Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on Oct 30, 2026.

Certified by Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

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

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.344, Section 12.203 and Section 12.204 of the Howard County Code provide for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Jeminetu Usman as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 30 day of October, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 30, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Jeminetu Usman
Columbia, Maryland

Jeminetu usman

Executive Summary

As a dedicated and compassionate social worker with a Master's degree and extensive experience supporting older adults facing complex physical and mental health challenges. I have a track record in advocacy, crisis intervention, and community resource coordination. I am seeking to leverage my deep clinical insight and a commitment to social justice to serve the Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission in fostering equity and community engagement.

Core Competencies

- **Advocacy & Social Justice:** Championing the rights of marginalized populations and ensuring equitable access to care.
- **Crisis Intervention:** Managing high-stress situations with empathy and restorative practices.
- **Community Outreach:** Building partnerships with local Howard County organizations and stakeholders.
- **Program Development:** Designing initiatives to improve the quality of life for vulnerable seniors.
- **Cultural Competency:** Working effectively across diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.

Professional Experience

Preservation management inc
Baltimore city, March 2020 - June 2025

- Manage a caseload of older adults with diverse physical disabilities and mental health diagnoses (e.g., dementia, depression, PTSD).
- Develop comprehensive care plans that prioritize dignity, autonomy, and social inclusion.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to ensure clients receive holistic support.
- *Achievement:* [e.g., Led a community workshop on mental health awareness for seniors, reaching 50+ local residents.]

Safe Journey House crisis center
Ellicort city, MD November 2019 - March 2020

- Assist to stabilize resident to pre-crisis functioning
- Assist resident to avert short or shorten the length of inpatient admission
- Provided direct counseling and resource navigation for seniors in underserved areas.
- Mediated family conflicts and advocated for client needs within the healthcare and legal systems.
- Facilitated support groups focused on resilience and mental wellness.

Education

Master degree in Social Work

Grand canyon university, Phoenix AZ
November 2022 -2024

Relevant Coursework: Social Welfare Policy, Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Diversity and Social Justice.

Bachelor in social work

University of Maryland Baltimore County, MD
September 2016 - August 2019

Community Involvement & Volunteerism

Volunteer, [with Howard county office of human right and equity commissions]: Assisted in organizing community events on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Language [Edo language, Nigeria. English]