

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2012 Legislative Session**

Resolution No.	CR-8-2012
Proposed by	Council Members Olson, Harrison, Campos, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Patterson, Toles and Turner
Introduced by	Council Members Olson, Harrison, Campos, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Patterson, Toles and Turner
Date of Introduction	February 28, 2012

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 District of Columbia - Statehood

3 For the purpose of declaring support for admitting the District of Columbia as the fifty-first State  
4 of the United States of America.

5 WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the belief that all people  
6 are endowed with certain inalienable rights and that to secure these rights, governments are  
7 instituted, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed; and

8 WHEREAS, the rights of the residents of the District of Columbia are abridged when the  
9 United States Congress imposes its will on local matters and denies voting representation on  
10 federal issues in both houses of the United States Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, the people of the District of Columbia are the only Americans who still bear  
12 all the responsibilities of citizenship, including local sovereignty, without representation in both  
13 houses of Congress, making the District of Columbia, in effect, a colony under Congressional  
14 jurisdiction; and

15 WHEREAS, Statehood will ensure that residents of the District of Columbia enjoy full  
16 sovereign rights in state and local matters, voting representation in both houses of the United  
17 States Congress, and an unrestricted vote for President, comparable to every other citizen of the  
18 United States of America; and

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
20 County, Maryland, that it declares support for admitting the District of Columbia as the fifty-first  
21 State of the United States of America; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, urges Congress to use its powers to admit the District of Columbia as the fifty-first State of the Union; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall transmit signed copies of this Resolution to the Maryland Congressional Delegation, the District of Columbia Delegate to the United States House of Representatives, the Prince George's County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, so that they may be apprised of the sentiments of the Prince George's County Council, Maryland on this matter.

Adopted this 28th day of February, 2012.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea C. Harrison  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council