

# COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

## 2013 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-141-2013

Proposed by Council Member Turner

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Lehman, Toles, Olson, Harrison, Patterson,  
Davis and Campos

Date of Introduction November 19, 2013

### RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Support For Food And Drug Administration Electronic Cigarette Research

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for research by the University of  
 4 Maryland on the safety of electronic cigarettes.

5 WHEREAS, there now exist electronic cigarettes, a new product used to replace traditional  
 6 cigarettes; and

7 WHEREAS, there is currently no credible research as to the safety of electronic cigarettes;  
 8 and

9 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes the need for such research as integral to  
 10 ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Prince George's County; and

11 WHEREAS, the County Council supports a healthy and safe environment for the citizens of  
 12 Prince George's County; and

13 WHEREAS, on September 15, 2013, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the  
 14 National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded the University of Maryland a \$19 million grant in  
 15 order to launch a new research center entitled the "University of Maryland Tobacco Center of  
 16 Regulatory Science" which is focused on the study of a wide range of tobacco products as well  
 17 as alternative nicotine products such as electronic cigarettes and their impact on public health;  
 18 and

19 WHEREAS, the FDA's preliminary research with respect to the safety of electronic  
 20 cigarettes is anticipated to be completed within the next 60 to 90 days; and

21 WHEREAS, the result of this research shall be crucial to the County Council as it  
 22 implements legislative and policy initiatives directed at enhancing the health, safety and welfare

1 of the citizens of Prince George's County.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
3 County, Maryland, that the County Council enthusiastically supports and anticipates the FDA's  
4 research on the safety of electronic cigarettes; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council also enthusiastically supports and  
6 anticipates reviewing the research from the University of Maryland and looks forward to our  
7 continued partnership in tackling health and wellness matters that affect the citizens of Prince  
8 George's County; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
10 Maryland, that within six months there shall be further discussion and review of the information  
11 resulting from the FDA's research on the safety of electronic cigarettes; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
13 Maryland, that if the FDA research is such that the County Council needs to enact legislation  
14 with respect to electronic cigarettes to protect the citizens of Prince George's County, such  
15 legislation shall advance through its Health, Education and Human Services Committee.

16 Adopted this 19th day of November, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council