

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2007 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-24-2007
Proposed by Council Member Harrington
Introduced by Council Members Harrington, Turner, Dean, Dernoga, Bland, Olson, Exum
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction April 24, 2007

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Malaria Awareness Day

3 For the purpose of observing Malaria Awareness Day in conjunction with Africa Malaria Day to
4 raise global awareness of malaria, malaria prevention, and to encourage the citizens of Prince
5 George's County to support the Nothing But Nets program.

6 WHEREAS, malaria is a preventable disease that infects approximately 500 million people
7 each year and kills approximately 1 million of those who become infected; and

8 WHEREAS, approximately ninety percent (90%) of deaths caused by malaria occur in
9 Africa and malaria is the leading cause of death among children in Africa resulting in a death
10 from mosquito-borne disease every 30 seconds; and

11 WHEREAS, in the poorest parts of the world where window screens are absent research
12 has shown that insecticide-treated bed nets are a substantial cost-effective way to prevent insect-
13 transmitted infections of malaria; and

14 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has declared April 25, 2007 as Malaria Awareness
15 Day in conjunction with the global observance of African Malaria Day; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Basketball Association's NBA Cares, the United Nations
17 Foundation, Sports Illustrated magazine, and the people of the United Methodist Church have
18 established an initiative to provided insecticide-treated bed nets called "Nothing But Nets;" and

19 WHEREAS, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match, net for net,
20 dollar for dollar, each donation of a bed net donated through the Nothing But Nets program; and

21 WHEREAS, all funds donated to the Nothing But Nets program online at
22 www.NothingButNets.net or through the United Methodist Church at www.umc.org/nets will go

1 directly to the purchase and distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets in Africa.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
3 County, Maryland, that the citizens of Prince George’s County are encouraged to observe
4 Malaria Awareness Day on April 25, 2007 and are further encouraged to support the Nothing But
5 Nets program to provide for the purchase and distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets to help
6 reduce the number of persons infected with Malaria in Africa.

Adopted this 24th day of April, 2007.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Camille A. Exum
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council