

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2019 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-59-2019

Proposed by The Chair (by request- County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Streeter,
Glaros, Dernoga, Taveras, Hawkins and Franklin

Date of Introduction July 2, 2019

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Vision Zero Program

3 For the purpose of establishing a Vision Zero Program for Prince George’s County to achieve
4 zero traffic deaths on the County’s roadways by 2040.

5 WHEREAS, Vision Zero is an international movement to put an end to fatal traffic crashes
6 that relies on data-driven approaches to improve the engineering of road, conduct targeted
7 education and enforcement, and to change laws to improve driver behavior and increase penalties
8 for dangerous conduct on the roads; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Maryland, Washington, D.C., Montgomery County, and the City
10 of Alexandria are among the communities that have formally adopted Vision Zero in order to
11 reach zero fatalities; and

12 WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious
13 injuries to zero by making roadways safer for drivers and passengers of motor vehicles, bicyclist,
14 and pedestrians; and

15 WHEREAS, transportation is an important part of the built environment and significantly
16 influences physical activity and well-being, safety and the ability of community members to
17 access destinations that are essential to a healthy lifestyle; and

18 WHEREAS, improving roadway safety is a top priority for Prince George’s County since
19 secure travel is directly linked to the quality of life of residents, commuters and visitors; and

20 WHEREAS, per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Maryland
21 Department of Transportation, over the five-year period from 2013-2017, 458 people died in
22 traffic crashes in Prince George’s County, including 266 motorists, 110 pedestrians, 5 bicyclists,

1 and 77 motorcyclists; and

2 WHEREAS, on average in 2017, there were 293 vehicle crashes per day statewide with 42
3 vehicle crashes per day in Prince George's County alone; and

4 WHEREAS, Prince George's County's roadways experience more vehicle miles traveled
5 than other counties in the State due to geographic size, metropolitan location, and population;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council recognizes that traffic deaths and serious
8 injuries are a preventable, public health issue that can be addressed through engineering,
9 enforcement and education.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
11 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Council hereby supports the establishment
12 of a Vision Zero Program for Prince George's County.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council supports the
14 County Executive in designating the Department of Public Works and Transportation to work
15 with County and State agencies, including the Prince George's County Police Department,
16 Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, Prince George's County Health Department and
17 Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), along with neighboring
18 jurisdictions and the community to develop the County's Vision Zero Program to eliminate
19 traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Acting Clerk of the Council