

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2004 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-8-2004

Proposed by The County Executive and Council Member Dean

Introduced by Council Members Dean, Knotts, Hendershot, Shapiro, Harrington, Dernoga,
Exum, Peters and Bland

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction January 20, 2004

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Joint Resolution - Proposed Federal Detention Center in Prince George's County

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Executive and the County Council's policy position
 4 opposing a proposed federal detention center in Prince George's County.

5 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has stated that the federal prisoner
 6 population continues to increase in the Washington D.C. – Baltimore area; and

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has proposed building a federal detention center to
 8 address the housing needs of prisoners; and

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has issued a Presolicitation Notice requesting
 10 private security companies to submit site surveys within the Maryland Counties of Prince
 11 George's, Anne Arundel, Montgomery, Howard, Baltimore and the City of Baltimore, and the
 12 District of Columbia: and

13 WHEREAS, private corporations have submitted proposals for three properties in Prince
 14 George's County, to include the Cheltenham Property in Cheltenham, Maryland, the Eastgate
 15 Business Park in Forestville, Maryland, and the Mid-Atlantic Distribution Center in Brandywine,
 16 Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, the proposed sites in Prince George's County are in highly populated
 18 neighborhoods with schools, parks, shopping centers, and businesses in the immediate
 19 surrounding areas; and

20 WHEREAS, United States Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes have indicated
 21 their strong opposition to the construction of a federal prison in the County; and

1 WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council share the strong opposition to such
2 a facility which has also been voiced by many citizens and residents of the County.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Executive and County Council of
4 Prince George's County, Maryland, that the governing body of Prince George's County hereby
5 opposes the construction and/or operation of a federal detention facility in Prince George's
6 County.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall transmit signed copies of
8 this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Governor of Maryland, the Maryland
9 Federal Delegation, the Prince George's County Members of the Maryland House of Delegates
10 and Senate.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2004.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Tony Knotts
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

CONCURRED IN:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive