

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2022 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-022-2022  
Proposed by Council Member Dannielle Glaros  
Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Streeter, Turner, Dernoga, Harrison, Ivey,  
Co-Sponsors Franklin, Davis, and Hawkins  
Date of Introduction March 22, 2022

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2           The 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program

3 For the purpose of observing and recognizing the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program and its  
4 funding to Meals on Wheels which supports a nutritious meal, a friendly visit and a safety check  
5 to seniors in our communities.

6           WHEREAS, the average life expectancy is at a record high of 79 years. As we get older,  
7 even the most independent among us may experience physical declines or financial hardship that  
8 strips away our independence. Add to that an increase in geographic mobility of our families,  
9 and the result is millions of seniors left behind, hungry and alone; and

10           WHEREAS, hunger and social isolation jeopardize the health and well-being of older  
11 adults; and

12           WHEREAS, the annual March for Meals celebration commemorates the historic day in  
13 March of 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older  
14 Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, March 2022 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition  
17 Program; and

18           WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels is a national network of local programs determined to  
19 combat senior isolation and hunger; and

20           WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels is dedicated to providing seniors in our community with the  
21 support that enables them to remain living in their own homes, where they want to be. This  
22 support is typically a nutritious meal, a friendly visit and a quick safety check; and

1 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels of College Park, Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park/Silver  
2 Spring, and the Prince George’s County Department of Social Services provide meals to  
3 hundreds of Prince George’s County seniors every week; and

4 WHEREAS, these meal deliveries continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic,  
5 providing crucial support to some of our most vulnerable residents; and

6 WHEREAS, this work is accomplished thanks to the generosity of donors and dozens of  
7 dedicated volunteers who prepare and deliver meals; and

8 WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act pays for approximately one third of Meals on  
9 Wheels funding, while local communities and private resources generate the rest. These sources  
10 vary and include client payments, contributions from private donors, foundations and state and  
11 local governments; and

12 WHEREAS, the current funding levels are inadequate and waiting lists are building.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
14 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Council joins the National Meals on Wheels  
15 network to rally support for this vital public-private partnership that provides millions of seniors  
16 with essential services that help them remain healthier and independent at home.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Council urges Congress  
18 to increase funding for this vital program.

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council