

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1998 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-46-1998

Proposed by Chairman (by request - County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Del Giudice, Wilson, Estepp, Russell and Bailey

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction May 19, 1998

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Air Quality

For the purpose of establishing the County's Ozone Action Day Program and its involvement with ENDZONE Partners.

WHEREAS, the air quality in the Metropolitan Washington region does not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) jointly created a clean air public education and voluntary action program as part of the regional 15% Air Quality Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council officially chartered the public-private partnership known as "ENDZONE Partners" as a membership organization to improve air quality through public education and voluntary action; and

WHEREAS, ENDZONE Partners is a public-private partnership representing a coalition of public sector, business, environmental, civic and professional organizations, and citizens committed to improving the air quality in both the Washington and Baltimore regions; and

WHEREAS, ENDZONE partners educates the public about the health effects of ground-level ozone and motivates employers and individuals to take voluntary actions that will improve air quality in the Washington and Baltimore regions; and

WHEREAS, local governments can take a leadership role in improving air quality and reducing ozone-forming emissions in the region through active participation in ENDZONE

and Ozone Action Days; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County has been an active member of the ENDZONE Partners since its inception, and has been proactive in efforts to inform County employees and residents about air quality programs, their health effects, and ways to reduce pollution; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County is proud to have one of the most comprehensive air quality notification and response plans in the Metropolitan Washington area, including on Code Red days the use of Ozone Action Day flags at County buildings and fire stations, and Air Quality Forecasts on the County's weatherline and public safety cable channels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Government will continue to support and provide active leadership to ENDZONE Partners and its programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all businesses, groups and citizens of the County are encouraged to join the ENDZONE Partnership and to participate in Ozone Action Days and other programs of this voluntary campaign to improve air quality.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 1998.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Ronald V. Russell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive