

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2008 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-27-2008

Proposed by Council Members Bland and Knotts

Introduced by Council Members Bland and Knotts

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 22, 2008

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Repeal of the Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus Calleryriana*)

3 as the Official Tree of Prince George’s County

4 For the purpose of repealing the designation of the Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus Calleryriana*) as
5 the official tree of Prince George’s County.

6 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County had designated the Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus*
7 *Calleryriana*) as the County Tree for Prince George’s County in the 1970s; and

8 WHEREAS, the Bradford Pear is a non-native Mid-Atlantic plant originating in China; and

9 WHEREAS, the Bradford Pear is listed by the National Park Service U.S. Fish and Wildlife
10 publication, “Plant Invaders of the Middle Atlantic Natural areas” as an ecological threat; and

11 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation
12 discontinued planting of the Bradford Pear in the County right of ways in the 1990s because of
13 maintenance concerns; and

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
15 County, Maryland, that the designation of the Bradford Pear Tree as the official County Tree of
16 Prince George’s County is hereby repealed.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council establishes a workgroup of
18 interested stakeholders, including County and Planning Department staff, to review and make
19 recommendations to the County Executive and County Council for designation of an official
20 County Tree.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council forward a copy of the
22 resolution to the County Executive and the Chairman of the Prince George’s County Planning

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Board.

Adopted this 1st day of July, 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Samuel H. Dean
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council