

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2023 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-108-2023

Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Blegay, Burroughs,
Hawkins, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Franklin

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 7, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning
2 2023 World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims

3 For the purpose of observing Sunday, November 19, 2023, as World Remembrance Day for
4 Road Traffic Victims.

5 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2005, the United Nations adopted a resolution which calls for
6 governments to mark the third Sunday in November each year as World Day of Remembrance
7 for Road Traffic Victims; and

8 WHEREAS, observation of this day provides an opportunity to draw the public’s attention
9 to road traffic crashes, their consequences and costs, and the measures which can be taken to
10 prevent them; and

11 WHEREAS, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims offers an annual
12 opportunity to increase public awareness of the burden of road traffic collisions on communities,
13 and to emphasize the need to initiate and promote efforts to control this major public health and
14 development problem, and to assist victims; and

15 WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019, Prince George’s County Government formally adopted
16 Vision Zero to reach zero road fatalities by 2040 due the high number of preventable crashes on
17 its roadways; and

18 WHEREAS, the international Vision Zero movement seeks to put an end to fatal traffic
19 crashes and relies on data-driven approaches to improve the engineering of roads, conduct
20 targeted education and enforcement, and to enhance the law to improve driver behavior and
21 increase penalties for dangerous conduct on the roads; and

1 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County has reflected the nationwide increased trend in
2 fatalities in 2022 that has continued into 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, in April 2023, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
4 estimates that 42,795 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2022 that represents a small
5 decrease of about 0.3% as compared to 42,939 fatalities reported for 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, NHTSA projects that fatalities declined in the fourth quarter of 2022 and this
7 is the third straight quarterly decline in fatalities after seven consecutive quarters of increases
8 that started in the third quarter of 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, the County’s commitment to improving roadway safety for all users is
10 paramount and observing the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is an
11 opportunity; to not only honor those individuals killed in crashes during 2023, but to shine
12 awareness on the County’s efforts to decrease the number of traffic deaths.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
14 County, Maryland, joined with the Prince George’s County Executive, do hereby observe
15 Sunday, November 19, 2023, as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and
16 encourage all residents to take moment to remember the victims of roadway crashes in 2023 and
17 prior, and to recommit themselves to doing all in their power to prevent roadway crashes.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

