

# COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

## 2003 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-22-2003

Proposed by Council Members Harrington and Shapiro

Introduced by Council Members Harrington, Shapiro, Hendershot, Dean, Dernoga, Peters

Knotts and Exum

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction May 6, 2003

## RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Predatory Lending Abuse

3 For the purpose of urging Federal officials to oppose efforts to negate State and local authority to  
4 protect borrowers from predatory lending practices.

5 WHEREAS, the County Council believes that predatory lending abuses that take away  
6 homeowner's equity and lock borrowers into high interest rates are pervasive throughout the  
7 subprime mortgage market; and

8 WHEREAS, Fannie Mae estimates that up to half of borrowers in subprime loans could  
9 qualify for loans with substantially lower rates and fees; and

10 WHEREAS, the targeting of subprime loans to people of color, low and moderate income  
11 families, and senior citizens costs those who can least afford it a great deal of money each year  
12 and reverses hard-won progress that has been made on reducing the racial homeownership gap;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, many states and localities have responded to this situation protecting their  
15 residents with laws that provide critical safeguards on high-cost home loans without cutting off  
16 access to credit, thereby preventing many predatory loans; and

17 WHEREAS, there are proposals for Federal legislation to negate all State and local anti-  
18 predatory lending laws without providing any meaningful, new protections for consumers.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
20 County, Maryland, that members of the United States Congress be urged to respect the authority  
21 of State and local officials to protect their constituents from predatory home loans that strip away

1 hard-earned home equity, trap borrowers in excessive interest rates, and frequently cause  
2 families to lose their homes.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States  
4 Senators and members of Congress from Maryland.

Adopted this 10th day of June, 2003.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter A. Shapiro  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council