

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-031-2020

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 5/11/2020

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments (11-0). In favor: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras.

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on May 11, 2020 to discuss CR-31-2020 a resolution concerning the County's continued Declaration of Emergency-Coronavirus ("COVID-19") for the purpose of continuing the emergency declarations of the County Executive set forth in Executive Orders 6-2020 and 7-2020. Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator, gave an overview of the resolution. Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, discussed the state law provisions requiring the need for the resolution to continue or renew the emergency declaration in the County. Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, and Ronald Gill, Jr., Director of Emergency Management, also briefed the Committee on the status of COVID-19 efforts in the County and the need to continue the emergency declaration. Staff provided proposed amendments to the resolution which consisted of inserting language to incorporate Executive Order 6-2020 and 7-2020 into the resolution; inserting language that allows the resolution to remain in effect for 30 days unless terminated or amended sooner the by County Executive or extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body; deleting language on page 3 "and supersedes prior Executive Orders 6-2020 and 7-2020"; and inserting a signature line for the County Executive. The Committee discussed the length of time the resolution should remain in effect. The Committee of the Whole voted favorably as amended on CR-31-2020, 11-0.