

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2017 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-96-2017

Proposed by Council Member Glaros

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Davis, Lehman, Toles, Franklin,
Taveras, Harrison, Turner, Patterson

Date of Introduction November 14, 2017

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 'The Year of the Anacostia'

3 For the purpose of declaring the administrative policy of the Prince George's County Council for
4 designation of calendar year 2018 as "The Year of the Anacostia."

5 WHEREAS, the Anacostia River watershed stretches across 176 square miles, and runs
6 through large portions of Prince George's County; and

7 WHEREAS, the Anacostia watershed is home to nearly 500 species of fish, mammals,
8 birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates; and

9 WHEREAS, the Anacostia River has numerous tributary creeks and streams, including:
10 Northwest Branch, Northeast Branch, Sligo Creek, Paint Branch, Little Paint Branch, Indian
11 Creek, Beaverdam Creek, Still Creek, Dueling Creek, Lower Beaverdam, Hickey Run, Briers
12 Mill Run, Watts Branch, and Pope Branch; and

13 WHEREAS, the Anacostia River begins at the confluence of its northeast and northwest
14 branches near Bladensburg, Maryland, in Prince George's County, and runs for 8.5 miles before
15 meeting the Potomac River at Hains Point in Washington, DC; and

16 WHEREAS, In Prince George's County, the Anacostia River is bordered by numerous
17 historic sites that have been vital for the history of the United States of America including the
18 Battle of Bladensburg during the War of 1812, the site of the first hot air balloon launch in the
19 nation, the Dueling Grounds, and the development of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; and

20 WHEREAS, in the 18th century the port at Bladensburg, Maryland, was 40 feet deep and
21 served as a major center for colonial shipping fleets; and

1 WHEREAS, today, the Anacostia River is bordered by a variety of recreation resources,
2 trails, and parks managed by the National Park Service and Maryland-National Capital Park and
3 Planning Commission including the Anacostia River Trail, which connects Prince George’s
4 County to the Washington Monument; and

5 WHEREAS, the Anacostia River and surrounding parkland are valued assets in the region
6 enjoyed by residents and visitors alike for its scenic beauty by boat, bike, and on foot; and

7 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County is home to the headquarters of the Anacostia
8 Watershed Society, whose mission is to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed
9 communities by cleaning the water, recovering the shores, and honoring the heritage; and

10 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County is home to the headquarters of the Anacostia Trails
11 Heritage Area, Inc., one of thirteen (13) Heritage Areas, certified by the State of Maryland under
12 the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, dedicated to preserving and promoting the historical,
13 artistic, cultural, and natural resources of the Heritage Area; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2018, the nation will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the birth of
15 Frederick Douglass, the “Lion of the Anacostia”; and

16 WHEREAS, August 31, 2018, will be the 100th Anniversary of the federal law setting aside
17 more than 1,200 acres of riverside land as public parkland; and

18 WHEREAS, the County Council appreciates these valuable natural assets and the historic
19 significance of the Anacostia River and surrounding watershed areas, and finds that an
20 administrative policy declaration is appropriate in observance of this historic milestone for the
21 region.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
23 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Council proclaims 2018 to be the “The Year
24 of the Anacostia.”

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council also encourages municipalities,
26 organizations, and agencies to proclaim calendar 2018 “The Year of the Anacostia” and to join in
27 a yearlong invitation to honor history, celebrate progress, and enjoy the Anacostia River and its
28 surroundings as we envision an inspiring future for the Anacostia River watershed.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council