

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2009 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-88-2009

Proposed by Council Member Knotts

Introduced by Council Members Knotts, Turner, Harrison, Dean, Bland,
Campos and Dernoga

Date of Introduction November 17, 2009

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Unemployed Workers

3 For the purpose of encouraging County government contractors to hire unemployed qualified
4 workers in Prince George's County.

5 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of October 2009, there are
6 15.7 million people officially unemployed (10.2%) in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that for
8 the month of September, the unemployment rate in the State of Maryland is currently 7.1% with
9 207, 711 people unemployed and in Prince George's County, the unemployment rate is 7.3%
10 with a total of 32,126 people unemployed; and

11 WHEREAS, the Obama Administration is encouraging bold, innovative action at all levels
12 of government as well as the private sector to enact policies to create jobs even as the economy is
13 showing signs of having pulled out of the nation's deepest recession in 70 years; and

14 WHEREAS, while the recession may have ended, economists agree that hiring will be slow
15 and that the jobless rate may not substantially drop for at least a year; and

16 WHEREAS, the County needs to find solutions to assist the unemployed workforce within
17 the County to find jobs that will create neighborhood stabilization and allow individuals and
18 families the opportunity to live a secure and prosperous life; and

19 WHEREAS, the County awards contracts to private contractors through a procurement
20 process for the acquisition of goods and services to be used by the County; and

21 WHEREAS, the County has an obligation to its unemployed workforce to encourage all
22 private contractors awarded County government contracts to utilize the County's unemployed

1 workers for vacant jobs.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
3 County, Maryland, that the County encourage private contractors awarded County contracts to
4 hire unemployed qualified workers in Prince George's County and to utilize resources provided
5 by the County and the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of
6 Workforce Development and the Maryland Workforce Exchange to find qualified workers in
7 Prince George's County to hire for vacant jobs.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that
Adopted this 17th day of November, 2009.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Marilynn M. Bland
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council