

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2010 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-20-2010

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Member Dernoga

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

Date of Introduction March 9, 2010

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Recovery Zones

3 For the purpose of designating Prince George’s County as a Recovery Zone for purposes of  
4 issuance of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

5 WHEREAS, in order to provide certain incentives to promote job creation and economic  
6 recovery in areas particularly affected by employment decline, the Congress of the United States  
7 enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 115-5, 123 Stat. 115  
8 (2009) (“ARRA”), which became effective on February 17, 2009; and

9 WHEREAS, ARRA includes provisions authorizing state and local governments and issuing  
10 authorities empowered to issue bonds on behalf of state and local governments to issue certain  
11 Recovery Zone Bonds (as defined in ARRA), which include Recovery Zone Economic  
12 Development Bonds (as defined in ARRA) and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (as defined in  
13 ARRA); and

14 WHEREAS, ARRA provides that a “Recovery Zone” means (i) any area designated by the  
15 issuer as having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures, or general distress;  
16 (ii) any area designated by the issuer as economically distressed by reason of the closure or  
17 realignment of a military installation pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of  
18 1990; and (iii) any area for which a designation as an empowerment zone or renewal community is  
19 in effect as of the effective date of ARRA; and

20 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) has been allocated initial  
21 volume cap under ARRA whereby it can issue up to \$27,691,000 in Recovery Zone Economic  
22 Development Bonds within the meaning of Section 1400U-2 of ARRA; and

1           WHEREAS, the Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds will provide a cost effective  
2 source of funds for the purpose of promoting development or other economic activity within the  
3 area of the County designated as the Prince George’s County Recovery Zone; and

4           WHEREAS, the County has been allocated initial volume cap under ARRA whereby it can  
5 issue up to \$41,537,000 in Recovery Zone Facility Bonds within the meaning of Section 1400U-3  
6 of ARRA; and

7           WHEREAS, the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds will provide a source of below-market  
8 financing for businesses that are located in the Prince George’s County Recovery Zone; and

9           WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service recently released Notice 2009-50 which provides  
10 guidance for issuance of Recovery Zone Bonds; and

11           WHEREAS, pursuant to ARRA, the state, county or municipality that receives a volume cap  
12 allocation may “make the designations of recovery zones in any reasonable manner as it shall  
13 determine in good faith in its discretion”; and

14           WHEREAS, the County has reviewed home foreclosure and unemployment statistics in the  
15 County, as well as the accompanying general economic distress that exists in the County, and has  
16 determined to designate the County in its entirety as a Recovery Zone as more fully described in  
17 Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

18           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
19 Maryland, that it finds that Prince George’s County meets the criteria set forth in ARRA to be a  
20 Recovery Zone.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for purposes of Section 1400U-1(b) of ARRA, the entire  
22 geographic area of Prince George’s County is designated as a Recovery Zone as more fully  
23 described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds Project Selection  
25 Process hereby described in Exhibit “B”, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

Note: Exhibits A & B available in hard copy only and as an Inclusion File in LIS