

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-71-2006

Proposed by Council Member Harrington

Introduced by Council Members Harrington, Hendershot, Peters, Dean, Exum, Campos,
Dernoga, Bland and Knotts

Date of Introduction August 10, 2006

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning Flash Flooding in Prince George's County

2 For the purpose of stating the intention of the Prince George's County Council to provide
 3 assistance for flood damage not covered by homeowners' insurance for damage caused by flash
 4 flooding occurring throughout the County.

5 WHEREAS, Prince George's County experienced record-setting rainfalls in June and July
 6 2006, producing as much as six inches of rain in some areas of the County; and

7 WHEREAS, the record rainfalls also produced flash flooding events generating as much as
 8 eight feet of water that flooded homes in the Town of Edmonston, the City of Hyattsville, the
 9 community of Lewisdale, the community of Fort Washington and the City of Laurel, as well as
 10 other parts of Prince George's County; and

11 WHEREAS, flash floods can roll boulders, destroy trees, damage homes, bridges, buildings
 12 and float cars; and

13 WHEREAS, six inches of flood water from a flash flood can knock a person off their feet,
 14 and annually results in the most weather-related deaths in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, hundreds of Prince George's homes were damaged by recent flash floods in
 16 the Town of Edmonston, the City of Hyattsville, the community of Lewisdale, the community of
 17 Fort Washington and the City of Laurel in Prince George's County; and

18 WHEREAS, no disaster or emergency relief has been declared by FEMA or the State of
 19 Maryland for the flood damage sustained by these dwellings;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 21 County, Maryland, that flood damage in the Town of Edmonston, the City of Hyattsville, the
 22 community of Lewisdale, the community of Fort Washington and the City of Laurel is severe

1 enough to be declared flood disaster areas by Prince George's County.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Sections 6-134 and 6-137 of the Prince
3 George's County Code, the County Executive is requested to request that the Governor declare
4 these affected areas by the flood as an Emergency Management or Disaster Area.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Emergency Management is directed to
6 survey the areas impacted by the flash flooding to document the level of damage to support a
7 request for declaration of emergency by the Governor.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Prince George's County Council declares its intent to
9 approve funding for homeowners who are the victims of the June 2006 flash flooding in the
10 Town of Edmonston, the City of Hyattsville, the community of Lewisdale, the community of
11 Fort Washington and the City of Laurel.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council requests the
13 Prince George's County Executive to transmit emergency supplemental appropriation for the
14 repair of flood-damaged homes in the Town of Edmonston, the City of Hyattsville, the
15 community of Lewisdale, the community of Fort Washington and the City of Laurel.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council proposes that the
17 County Executive and County Council form a joint Task Force to develop criteria for evaluating
18 those homes damaged by the flash flooding, determining the cost of the damage less any
19 insurance payments as the ceiling for any reimbursements for the flash flood damage to homes in
20 Prince George's County.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council