

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-27-2006

Proposed by Council Member Harrington

Introduced by Council Members Harrington, Peters and Dean

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 18, 2006

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Indoor Air Quality

3 For the purpose of recognizing the health implications and economic impacts of indoor air
4 quality and proclaiming April 19th 2006 as “Indoor Air Quality Day” in Prince George’s County,
5 Maryland.

6 WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black County Officials, Inc. (NOBCO) and the
7 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have entered into a cooperative agreement to provide
8 information regarding Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) to communities throughout the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, poor indoor air quality can contribute to short and long term health issues,
10 including asthma, respiratory tract infection and promote the spread of airborne infectious
11 disease and can be particularly harmful to members of the community with asthma and/or
12 allergies; and

13 WHEREAS, negative health problems caused or made worse by poor indoor air quality
14 have direct economic impacts including increased costs for employers, days lost at work for
15 employees, and increased health care costs for all members of the community; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black County Officials is hosting a conference
17 focused on the theme “*The Economics of Creating Healthy and Wealthy Diverse Communities*”
18 at the Marriott Hotel in Greenbelt, Maryland from April 19th –23rd, 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council is the Legislative Branch of Prince
20 George’s County Government and sits as the Board of Health to govern and guide County health
21 policy; and

22 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council is concerned about the health and well-

1 being of employees, citizens, residents and visitors to the County, and is striving to ensure that
2 all individuals can have a healthy indoor environment; and

3 WHEREAS, in November, 2005 the Prince George's County Council enacted CB-68-2005
4 which prohibits smoking in certain eating and drinking establishments and is intended to
5 safeguard employees and patrons from the effects of secondhand smoke.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
7 County, Maryland, that the National Organization of Black County Officials is hereby
8 commended for its efforts to educate employers, employees, businesses, schools, childcare
9 providers, and the general public about asthma, secondhand smoke and their role in associated
10 illnesses, disabilities and increased health costs as a result of poor indoor air quality.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the
12 Board of Health, in collaboration with the National Organization of Black County Officials, Inc.
13 (NOBCO), hereby proclaims the 19th day of April, 2006 as "Indoor Air Quality Day".

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council