COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2013 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-121-2013	
Proposed by	The Chair (by request – County Executive)	
Introduced by	Council Member Harrison	
Co-Sponsors		
Date of Introduction	October 1, 2013	

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Admissions and Amusement Tax

For the purpose of approving a certain incentive for an event in Prince George's County in the form of a reduction in the amount of the County admissions and amusement tax levy on the event.

WHEREAS, Section 4-102(a)(1) of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes a county to impose, by resolution, a tax on the gross receipts derived from any admissions and amusement charge in that county; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-101(b) of Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland defines admissions and amusement charge; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10-206 of the Prince George's County Code, the County imposes an admissions and amusement tax on the gross receipts derived from any admissions and amusement charge, pursuant to Section 4-102(a)(1) of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the internationally acclaimed Cavalia is set to perform its Odysseo theatrical shows between October 2013 and November 2013 at The Plateau at the National Harbor, located in Fort Washington, Maryland 20745; and

WHEREAS, Cavalia selects only a limited number of venues annually across North America; and

WHEREAS, without an incentive in the form of a reduction in the amount of the County's admissions and amusement tax, the National Harbor site would not be selected as a venue; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated revenue to be collected from the performance in the form of admissions and amusement tax is approximately \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, the small number and geographic dispersion of Cavalia performances will likely result in a significant number of visitors to Prince George's County for the performances, and an attendant increase in hotel/motel tax and other revenues to the County; and

WHEREAS, the performance by an international organization of the stature of Cavalia in Prince George's County will bring prestige, along with an overall economic benefit to the County, including local contracting and employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that seventy percent (70%) of the admissions and amusement tax authorized by Section 4-102(a)(1) of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and imposed by Section 10-206 of the Prince George's County Code, on the performances of Cavalia's Odysseo at The Plateau at the National Harbor between October 2013 and November 2013, be and hereby is waived, provided that the cumulative admissions and amusement taxes paid for the performances shall not be less than \$175,000.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

	BY:Andrea C. Harrison Chair
ATTEST:	
Redis C. Floyd Clerk of the Council	APPROVED:
DATE:	BY: Rushern L. Baker, III County Executive