

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2020 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-33-2020

Proposed by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Taveras, Streeter, Glaros, Franklin and Harrison

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction May 18, 2020

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 2026 Federation Internationale de Football Association World Cup –

3 Protection of Human Rights

4 For the purpose of supporting the fundamental requirements for United 2026 as laid out in the
 5 Federation Internationale de Football Association’s (FIFA) “Proposal for a United Human Rights
 6 Strategy”; and encouraging certain persons to provide certain atmospheres, experiences, and
 7 policies for certain individuals at the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

8 WHEREAS, FIFA Men’s World Cup Tournament is the largest sporting event in the world
 9 by every measurable factor; and

10 WHEREAS, the 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico
 11 (United 2026) will be held in sixteen (16) cities with up to twelve (12) of the bidding U.S. cities
 12 expected to be awarded tournament games; and

13 WHEREAS, Washington D.C. has been selected among the fourteen (14) final bidding
 14 cities, with M&T Bank Stadium and FedEx Field proposed as game sites and the fields at the
 15 University of Maryland, College Park Campus and Towson University as team practice fields;
 16 and

17 WHEREAS, FIFA estimates there will be between 300 and 500 million dollars of economic
 18 activity in each host city, affecting multiple sectors of the economy, including hospitality,
 19 transportation, entertainment and broadcasting, event staging, security services, and construction,
 20 impacting State, county, and municipal employees; and

21 WHEREAS, FIFA and the host countries are committed to creating a new model and
 22 legacy for global sporting events, one that centers on human rights and labor rights within the

1 framework for the games; and

2 WHEREAS, FIFA adopted a “Proposal for a United Human Rights Strategy”, which in part
3 states that FIFA plans to ensure a commitment to the core standards of the International Labor
4 Organization (ILO) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in its processes for
5 conducting the 2026 FIFA games; and

6 WHEREAS, the human rights requirements for the 2026 FIFA World Cup are the most
7 extensive ever contemplated for a mega sporting event to protect human rights and improve
8 quality of life in key areas such as labor, procurement and supply chain, freedom of expression,
9 women, children, LGBTQI+ community, indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, and
10 people of diverse ethnicities, races, and religions; and

11 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland has passed laws directly in line with the
12 requirements for bid cities for the 2026 FIFA games, including broad antidiscrimination and
13 human rights protections, living wage and minimum wage requirements, prevailing wage
14 requirements, and human trafficking protections and awareness, and has defended right-to-work
15 legislation.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
17 County, Maryland, that the County Council supports the fundamental requirements for United
18 2026 as laid out in FIFA's “Proposal for a United Human Rights Strategy”.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council encourages all
20 host stadiums, cities, ports of entry, and fan zones to provide the following for fans, spectators,
21 players, officials, and volunteers at the 2026 FIFA World Cup:

22 (1) a fun, safe, inclusive, respectful, and tolerant atmosphere for everyone regardless of
23 gender or gender identity;

24 (2) an accessible, inclusive, welcoming experience for people with physical, mental, and
25 sensory disabilities or with limited mobility;

26 (3) policies to ensure that free speech and assembly, directly or indirectly related to
27 preparing and hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup, are guaranteed within the framework set by
28 national and international law;

29 (4) an atmosphere that celebrates diversity and welcomes international fans and players,
30 providing fundamental government protections and due process to every person;

31 (5) policies to ensure that the ILO core standards – freedom of association,

1 nondiscrimination, no forced labor, and no child laborers – are respected in relation to those
2 working on any activity related to the delivery of the competition;

3 (6) policies to ensure that all employers, public and private, providing goods or services
4 related to the delivery of the competition implement best practices on labor issues, adhere to
5 labor laws, pay a living wage, and allow workers of any status to raise issues related to their
6 employment; and

7 (7) policies to ensure that there is no human trafficking in connection with the event and
8 raise awareness of trafficking prevention.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council