

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2017 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-5-2017

Proposed by Council Member Lehman

Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Turner, Davis, Taveras,
Patterson, Franklin and Glaros

Date of Introduction January 17, 2017

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning
2 Senate Bill 921 and House Bill 1106 Clean Energy Jobs – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard
3 Revisions

4 For the purpose of encouraging the Maryland General Assembly to override Governor Hogan’s
5 veto of the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

6 WHEREAS, Senate Bill (“SB”) 921 and House Bill (“HB”) 1106, known as the Clean
7 Energy Jobs Act of 2016, increases Maryland’s Renewable Energy standard from 20% by 2022
8 to 25% by 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, half of Maryland’s electricity comes from fossil fuels: coal, oil, and natural
10 gas; and

11 WHEREAS, the extraction and burning of fossil fuels has negative impacts on the health,
12 economy, climate, and energy security of Maryland and Prince George’s County residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Maryland is the 3rd most vulnerable state in America to sea-level rise; and

14 WHEREAS, Marylanders live in counties that received a D or F air quality grade from the
15 American Lung Association. The health burdens from poor air quality disproportionately harm
16 low-income residents and people of color. Producing more clean energy will improve the state’s
17 air quality while preventing 25 to 50 premature deaths per year and increasing regional economic
18 growth by \$200 million to \$450 million annually due to better health outcomes; and

19 WHEREAS, clean energy is a proven driver of economic development in Maryland,
20 including job creation. By increasing our clean power to 25% by 2020, Maryland will create
21 thousands of new high-paying jobs in the clean energy industry; and

22 WHEREAS, the Clean Energy Jobs Act will couple the new clean energy standard with

1 added funding for clean energy workforce training, and support for minority and women-owned
2 business growth; and

3 WHEREAS, clean energy is affordable energy for Maryland. Average solar prices have
4 fallen 63% since 2009, and wind prices have fallen by 54% in the last five years; and

5 WHEREAS, the Maryland General Assembly passed the Clean Energy Jobs Act during the
6 2016 legislative session; and

7 WHEREAS, Governor Larry Hogan vetoed the Clean Energy Jobs Act on May 27, 2016,
8 putting jobs, public health, and our environment at risk; and

9 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council encourages the Maryland General
10 Assembly to override Governor Hogan’s veto at the start of the 2017 legislative session.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
12 County, Maryland, that the Council encourages the Maryland General Assembly to override
13 Governor Hogan’s veto of SB 921 and HB 1106 – Clean Energy Jobs – Renewable Energy
14 Portfolio Standard Revisions.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council provides a copy of this
16 resolution to Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, House Speaker Michael E. Busch, the
17 Chair of the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and the Chair of the Prince George’s
18 County House Delegation.

Adopted this 17th day of January, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council