

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2009 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-68-2009

Proposed by Council Member Turner

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Bland, Dean, Harrison, Dernoga,
Olson and Campos

Date of Introduction September 29, 2009

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 National Teen Driver Safety Week

3 For the purpose of observing the National Teen Safety Driver Week established to raise
4 awareness about the tragedy of teen vehicle crashes, the leading cause of death for young people
5 in the United States.

6 WHEREAS, the leading cause of death for young people in the United States is vehicle
7 crashes above drug overdose and suicide; and

8 WHEREAS, national statistics state that 16 year-olds have higher crash rates than
9 drivers of any other age; and 16-year-olds are three times more likely to die in a motor vehicle
10 crash than the average of all drivers; and

11 WHEREAS, drivers age 15-20 accounted for 12.9 percent of all the drivers involved in
12 fatal crashes and 16 percent of all the drivers involved in police-reported crashes in 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates
14 the economic impact of auto accidents involving 15-20 year old drivers is over \$40 billion and a
15 recent report by AAA estimates the cost of crashes involving 15-17 year olds to be \$34 billion;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, statistics show that 16 and 17-year-old driver death rates increase with
18 each additional passenger (IIHS).

19 WHEREAS, October 18th – 24th, 2009 will be declared and observed as National Teen
20 Driver Safety Week; and

21 WHEREAS, National Teen Driver Safety Week was established to raise awareness
22 about the tragedy of teen vehicle crashes; and

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WHEREAS, National Teen Driver Safety Week sparks communication among teenagers, their parents and civic leaders about the causes of and solutions to teen crashes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Prince George's County hereby observes National Teen Driver Safety Week from October 18th – 24th, 2009

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council hereby encourages the citizens, local governments, local schools and local organizations of Prince George's County to support National Teen Driver Safety Week from October 18th – 24th, 2009 to help reduce the number of teen crashes.

Adopted this 29th day of September, 2009.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Marilynn M. Bland
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council