

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2018 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-24-2018

Proposed by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Lehman and Harrison

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Lehman, Harrison and Taveras

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction April 24, 2018

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Baltimore-Washington Parkway

3 For the purpose of declaring the Prince George’s County Council’s opposition to the proposal to  
4 transfer the Baltimore-Washington Parkway from the National Park Service.

5 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway stretches 32 miles across Maryland; and

6 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was first envisioned by Pierre Charles  
7 L’Enfant in his original plan for the United States of America’s new capital in 1791; and

8 WHEREAS, the Maryland State government worked with the federal government during  
9 the Second World War to construct the Baltimore-Washington Parkway; and

10 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway’s completion in October 1954 created a  
11 scenic entrance into the Nation’s capital; and

12 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway’s completion linked the cities of  
13 Baltimore and Washington, as well as neighborhoods along the route, improving connectivity;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway provides convenient access to numerous  
16 locations of public interest, such as national and state parks, educational museums, and emerging  
17 suburban neighborhoods; and

18 WHEREAS, these locations include the NASA Goddard Visitor Center, the Greenbelt  
19 National Park, the National Wildlife Visitor Center, and the Prince George’s Hospital Center;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, free and convenient access to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway has  
22 facilitated visitation to these, and many other, locations along the Baltimore-Washington

1 Parkway; and

2 WHEREAS, despite the substantial development in the 70 years since its construction, the  
3 Baltimore-Washington Parkway maintains its picturesque scenery with protected wildlife, forest  
4 lined lanes, and preservation of natural aesthetic; and

5 WHEREAS, the scenic and peaceful atmosphere of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is  
6 protected; and

7 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is dedicated to the life and work of  
8 Maryland Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman, who dutifully and honorably served her State  
9 and community as President of the PTA, member of the Prince George's County Council,  
10 President of the National Association of Counties, and distinguished member of the United  
11 States House of Representatives; and

12 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway continues to provide these notable  
13 benefits to all the people of Maryland, and all the people who visit Maryland; and

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
15 County, Maryland that the County Council declares its strong opposition to the proposal to  
16 transfer the Baltimore-Washington Parkway from the National Park Service to any other entity  
17 as being against the public interest.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall be directed to forward a  
19 copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Director of the U.S. National Park  
20 Service, the Maryland members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the  
21 Governor, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Speaker of the  
22 House, the President of the Senate, the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation,  
23 the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, the County Executive of Prince  
24 George's County, and the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's  
25 Board of Directors.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April , 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dannielle M. Glaros  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council