

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

Resolution No. CR-35-2009  
Proposed by Council Members Bland and Knotts  
Introduced by Council Members Bland, Knotts, Turner, Harrison and Campos  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction June 9, 2009

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Designation of the Willow Oak Tree (*Quercus phellos*)

3 as the Official Tree of Prince George's County

4 For the purpose of designating the Willow Oak Tree (*Quercus phellos*) as the Official Tree of  
5 Prince George's County.

6 WHEREAS, Prince George's County had designated the Bradford Pear Tree (*Pyrus*  
7 *Calleryriana*) as the County Tree for Prince George's County in the 1970s; and

8 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2008 the County Council adopted CR-27-2008 that repealed the  
9 designation of the Bradford Pear Tree as the official County Tree of Prince George's County:

10 and

11 WHEREAS, the County Council, by CR-27-2008, established a workgroup of interested  
12 stakeholders, including County and Planning Department staff, to review and make  
13 recommendations to the County Executive and County Council for designation of an official  
14 County Tree; and

15 WHEREAS, the Official Tree Work Group consisted of representatives of the Maryland-  
16 National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Prince George's Planning  
17 Department's Environmental Planning Section, the County Department of Public Works and  
18 Transportation (DPWT), the County Department of Environmental Resources (DER), the County  
19 Council, the Prince George's County Master Gardeners, the Prince George's County  
20 Beautification Committee and a member of the public.

21 WHEREAS, the Official Tree Work Group issued its report in April 2009 to the County  
22 Council and County Executive and recommended that the Willow Oak Tree (*Quercus phellos*)

1 be designated as the official tree of Prince George’s County; and

2 WHEREAS, the Official Tree Work Group found that the Willow Oak Tree (*Quercus*  
3 *phellos*) was a unique and majestic large tree associated with Prince George’s County, was  
4 native to the Mid-Atlantic region, listed in the DPWT’s Plant Guide and had a Champion Tree  
5 tree designation in the County; and

6 WHEREAS, the Official Tree Work Group also recommended that the County undertake  
7 an educational campaign to teach and encourage important community stakeholders, including  
8 civic associations, common ownership communities, environmental and school based groups,  
9 about the official County tree and the proper care and maintenance of all the County’s trees.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
11 County, Maryland, that the Willow Oak Tree (*Quercus phellos*) be hereby designated as the  
12 Official Tree of Prince George’s County.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County continue its educational and maintenance  
14 efforts and programs for the proper care of all the County’s trees.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk of the Council forward a copy of the  
16 resolution to the County Executive and the Chairman of the Prince George’s County Planning  
17 Board.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July , 2009.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilynn M. Bland  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council