

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2023 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-079-2023

Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Harrison, Watson, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha, Franklin,
Hawkins and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 12, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 World Car Free Day 2023

3 For the purpose of expressing Prince George’s County’s support for declaring September
4 22, 2023, as World Car Free Day in Prince George’s County.

5 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County is dedicated to a providing transportation alternatives
6 and various mobility options that seek to move towards zero emissions and more efficient and
7 equitable planning.

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Transportation is the County’s Agency
9 primarily tasked with implementing policies and programs to create a safer, more
10 environmentally responsible multimodal transportation network.

11 WHEREAS, September 22, 2023, will be the 23rd International Day of observance to
12 encourage individuals to not use automobiles but instead to try alternative forms of sustainable
13 transportation such as bicycling, walking and public transportation including TheBus as well as
14 “car lite” methods such as carpools, vanpools, and teleworking.

15 WHEREAS, Car Free Day benefits Prince George’s County through improved air quality,
16 mobility, energy conservation and reduced parking demands.

17 WHEREAS, Car Free Day gives Prince George’s County residents the opportunity to
18 imagine the positive changes that could be realized in their County if there were fewer cars on
19 the roads.

20 WHEREAS, Car Free Day invites citizens of the region to telework and try alternative
21 forms of transportation such as bicycling, walking, transit and “car-lite” methods such as

1 carpools and vanpools in a safe and healthy manner.

2 WHEREAS, Car Free Day promotes physical activity and the improvement of the health of
3 County residents by encouraging residents to get out and get active.

4 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County recognizes the plethora of benefits associated with
5 reducing car trips and transitioning to sustainable forms of transportation including reducing
6 traffic, conserving energy, reducing harmful emissions, improving the environment, reducing
7 parking problems and most importantly combating climate change and creating a more livable
8 community for all.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
10 County, Maryland, joined with the Prince George’s County Executive, do hereby designate
11 September 22, 2023, as World Car Free Day in Prince George's County; and, to the degree
12 possible, encourage all residents to get around without driving and instead ride a train, bus,
13 bicycle, carpool, vanpool or walk and for those that have the ability to work from home or
14 teleworking.

15 Adopted this 12th day of September, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council