

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2020 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-13-2020

Proposed by The Council Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin,
Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Date of Introduction May 5, 2020

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George’s County As A Child Friendly County

3 For the purpose of declaring Prince George’s County’s commitment to being a child friendly
4 county

5 WHEREAS, The Prince George’s County Executive and County Council share the belief
6 that children have the right to their optimal health and well-being; and

7 WHEREAS, The county is committed to promoting, enhancing, and preserving quality
8 child health, education, and well-being; and

9 WHEREAS, Counties have a unique role in policymaking that directly affects the health
10 and well-being of children; and

11 WHEREAS, Local governments and county elected officials have a role to play in
12 supporting and advocating for social justice, equity, and the elimination of disparities in positive
13 outcomes for those facing the greatest social, economic, and health challenges within their
14 jurisdictions, including children and young people; and

15 WHEREAS, An intentional commitment to being a Child Friendly County will be
16 instrumental in encouraging local governments and other stakeholders to pay greater attention to
17 fulfilling the needs and rights of their youngest residents; and

18 WHEREAS, Children have the right to be protected from discrimination, violence, and
19 abuse; and

20 WHEREAS, Children have the right to access quality social services, including education
21 and healthcare; and

22 WHEREAS, Children should be encouraged to express their opinions through sustainable

1 and inclusive mechanisms put in place to enable them to influence decision making on policies,
2 programs and matters that affect them; and

3 WHEREAS, Children should be encouraged to participate in family, cultural, community,
4 and social events; and

5 WHEREAS, Children should have safe and accessible spaces and opportunities to engage
6 in play and leisure and cultural activities; and

7 WHEREAS, Children have the right to an equitable chance in life regardless of race,
8 geography, ableness, gender identity, sexual orientation, and/or economic status; and

9 WHEREAS, Children have the right to begin life with a robust and healthy start in early
10 childhood, and

11 WHEREAS, Public, private and academic sector individuals, organizations, agencies,
12 and/or businesses should be accountable for fulfilling the rights of children and for decision-
13 making that considers their best interests.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Executive and County Council of
15 Prince George’s County that we commit to making Prince George’s County a Child Friendly
16 County and pursue a Child Friendly County designation through UNICEF USA.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive and County Council of Prince
18 George’s County directs staff to implement necessary steps to become the first Child Friendly
19 County in the United States of America.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council