

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2010 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-60-2010

Proposed by Council Member Dean

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

Date of Introduction June 22, 2010

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Suitland Promise Neighborhood Initiative

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council’s support for the Suitland Promise  
4 Neighborhood Initiative.

5 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education launched the Promise Neighborhoods  
6 program in April 2010; and

7 WHEREAS, the Promise Neighborhoods program is the first federal initiative to put  
8 education at the center of comprehensive efforts to fight poverty in urban and rural areas; and

9 WHEREAS, the Promise Neighborhoods program brings all U.S. Department of Education  
10 strategies together—high-quality early learning program, high-quality schools, and  
11 comprehensive supports—to ensure that students are safe, healthy, and successful; and

12 WHEREAS, the Promise Neighborhoods program is based on the experience of programs  
13 such as the Harlem Children’s Zone, which serves a large area in New York City and has  
14 boosted student outcomes dramatically; and

15 WHEREAS, under the Promise Neighborhoods program, nonprofits and institutions of  
16 higher education will be eligible for one-year grants supporting the design of comprehensive  
17 community programs; and

18 WHEREAS, the programs must have the specific goal of preparing students for success  
19 and focus their efforts on schools in the neighborhood and build services for students in those  
20 schools from birth through college to career; and

21 WHEREAS, The Suitland Family and Life Development Corporation (SFLDC), a dynamic  
22 non-profit organization in Suitland, Maryland will serve as the fiscal agent for the Suitland

1 Promise Neighborhood Initiative; and

2 WHEREAS, The Suitland Promise Neighborhood Initiative has formed a multi-sector  
3 coalition committed to creating and implementing a continuum of solutions at Drew Freeman  
4 Middle School to close the academic achievement gaps and eliminate levels of distress in  
5 Suitland, Maryland; and

6 WHEREAS, The Suitland Promise Neighborhood Partnership has begun to engage in a  
7 planning process that provides reliable location and resources to students and their families to  
8 create an unobstructed line of access to services; and

9 WHEREAS, The Suitland Promise Neighborhood Advisory Board will adapt the  
10 Communities That Care Model (CTC Model) to guide the efforts of the project; and

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
12 County, Maryland, that Prince George's County hereby expresses support for the Suitland  
13 Promise Neighborhood Initiative.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby expresses support for the Drew  
15 Freeman Middle School in Suitland, Maryland as the Promise Neighborhood school site.

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council