

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

Resolution No. CR-1-2020

Proposed by Council Member Ivey

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

Date of Introduction February 4, 2020

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Protection of Local Government – Let Our Communities Act Locally

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council’s support for the goals of LOCAL Maryland
4 to prevent state preemption laws which serve as a tool to weaken local democracies and protect
5 the rights of local governments to pass laws that support healthy families, a clean environment,
6 good jobs and promote equity and inclusion in our municipalities and throughout the State of
7 Maryland.

8 WHEREAS, the County Council believes that local government exists to respond to the
9 needs of the people who live and work there; and

10 WHEREAS, the County Council believes that private interest groups have successfully
11 pushed state lawmakers across the country to prevent local governments from passing laws that
12 support healthy families, a clean environment and good jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council believes that private interest groups are now actively
14 targeting Maryland state lawmakers; and

15 WHEREAS, the County Council believes that blocking local governments’ ability to pass
16 laws that support healthy families, a clean environment and good jobs, unfairly and
17 disproportionately hurts women, children and people of color; and

18 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of Prince George’s County and State of Maryland residents
19 and communities are working to support LOCAL Maryland; and

20 WHEREAS, LOCAL Maryland and this broad coalition are advocating to (1) support the
21 ability of local governments to pass laws that support healthy families, a clean environment and
22 good jobs; (2) stop special interest groups from pushing state lawmakers to block cities, towns

1 and counties from passing laws to achieve these goals; and (3) participate in public hearings by
2 submitting testimony; and

3 WHEREAS, the Maryland Association of Counties (“MACo”) has made local preemption,
4 specifically to repeal the implied preemption court doctrine, as one of its four legislative
5 initiatives for 2020 and has worked with LOCAL Maryland to sponsor preemption legislation
6 during the General Assembly session; and

7 WHEREAS, along with many local mayors, city council members, town leaders, county
8 executives and commissioners, tribal leaders, and other local elected officials from across the
9 State of Maryland, the County Council supports the goals of LOCAL Maryland.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
11 County, Maryland, that the County Council supports the goals of LOCAL Maryland and along
12 with other elected officials statewide, calls on the state government to allow local governments
13 to continue to promote and pass laws in furtherance of healthy families, a clean environment,
14 good jobs, and promote equity and inclusion.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent by the Clerk of the
16 Council to Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Maryland State Senate President Bill
17 Ferguson, and Maryland Speaker of the House of Delegates Adrienne A. Jones.

Adopted this 18th day of February, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council