

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

Resolution No. CR-24-2010

Proposed by Council Member Turner

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Dernoga, Harrison, Olson and Dean

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 16, 2010

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 2010 Census

3 For the purpose of expressing the importance of the 2010 Census and the impact it will have on
4 our funding and quality of life for years to come.

5 WHEREAS, every ten (10) years, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by Article I, Section
6 2 of the Constitution of the United States to conduct a count of the all residents of the United
7 States, including peoples of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens, and provides
8 an historic opportunity for Prince George’s County, Maryland, to help shape the foundation of
9 our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

10 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County is committed to ensuring that every resident is
11 counted; and

12 WHEREAS, more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to
13 communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on
14 census data, including but not limited to healthcare in the form of planning for new hospitals,
15 community development and housing such as the block grant program, education, after-school
16 programs, transportation, designation of urban revitalizations areas, social services, and
17 employment; and

18 WHEREAS, an accurate count of the population of Prince George’s County is critical to
19 ensure the County gains the maximum advantage when competing for federal dollars, making
20 plans for future initiatives and projects, and reapportioning state and federal elected seats; and

21 WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to the ethnic heritage African community and
22 other residents’ well-being by helping planners, policymakers, grant-making foundations, and

1 corporations make important community development decisions; and

2 WHEREAS, achieving an accurate and complete count of America’s growing and changing
3 demographics will benefit under-served, hard-to-reach immigrant populations while expanding
4 opportunities for service agencies and organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, the 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality
8 and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household are not released or shared for 72
9 years in order to achieve the intent of the census to count every person in the United States,
10 citizens and non-citizens alike, regardless of immigration status; and

11 WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-
12 based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a
13 broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the
14 2010 census.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
16 County, Maryland, that Prince George’s County supports the goals and ideals for the 2010
17 Census and will disseminate and encourage others to disseminate 2010 Census information to
18 encourage participation.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council hereby encourages all County
20 agents and employees to partner together with the U.S. Census Bureau to achieve an accurate
21 and complete count.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council further encourages the citizens of
23 Prince George’s County to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness
24 of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.
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Adopted this 16th day of March, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
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BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council