

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

Resolution No. CR-31-2020

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 11, 2020

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George’s County, Maryland’s Continued Declaration Of Emergency—Coronavirus
3 (“Covid-19”)

4 For the purpose of continuing the emergency declarations of the County Executive set forth in
5 Executive Orders 6-2020 and 7-2020, and as may be further amended.

6 **WHEREAS**, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of
7 Maryland provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Section 6-134, et seq., of the Prince George's County Code provides for the
9 declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the President of the United States proclaimed that the COVID- 19 outbreak in
11 the United States constituted a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland declared
13 a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State of Maryland
14 to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization, on March 11, 2020, announced that the
16 COVID-19 outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive for Prince George’s County, Maryland has issued two
18 local declarations of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order Number
19 6-2020 on March 16, 2020 and Executive Order Number 7-2020 on April 13, 2020;

20 **WHEREAS**, Section 14-111 (b) (1) of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of
21 Maryland states that the consent of the governing body is needed if a local declaration is
22 continued or renewed for more than 30 days; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the County has exceeded 7600,
2 with more than 1500 hospitalizations and more than 250 deaths; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the County’s health care system continues to be stressed and in need of
4 resources to effectively combat this emergency; and

5 **WHEREAS**, unemployment in Prince George’s County, Maryland is currently at
6 approximately fifteen percent and many of the jobs created in the County over the last five years
7 have been lost due to economic downturn caused by the current health crisis; and

8 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to the health, safety and
9 welfare of County residents;

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Prince George's
11 County, Maryland, that Prince George’s County, Maryland continue under a declaration of
12 emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak pursuant to Executive Orders 6-2020 and 7-2020 and
13 which shall be incorporated herein;

14 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Prince George's County Emergency Operations
15 Plan remain in full force and effect until terminated by the County Executive; and

16 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the following orders remain in effect:

- 17 1. All patrons shopping in County grocery stores, pharmacies and large chain retail
18 establishments are required to wear masks or face coverings to enter.
- 19 2. All individuals who ride “The Bus”, Prince George’s County’s bus transit system, are
20 required to wear masks or face coverings onboard.
- 21 3. Grocery stores, pharmacies and large chain retail establishments are required to promote
22 social distancing inside and even outside of these establishments while customers wait
23 to enter the premises.
- 24 4. All public offices and employees of Prince George's County are hereby directed to
25 exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration
26 of the emergency and in execution of federal, state and local emergency laws,
27 regulations, and directives.
- 28 5. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency
29 measures, to cooperate with public officials and emergency management forces in
30 executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful
31 directions of properly identified officers.

6. All operating agencies will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Prince George's County Emergency Operations Center.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the directives set forth herein will be enforced by the Prince George's County Health Department, with the assistance of Prince George's County law enforcement as needed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Branch continue to provide weekly updates to the Council Chair or Vice Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days unless terminated or amended sooner by the County Executive or extended by a subsequent Resolution of the governing body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on the day it is adopted.

Adopted this 11th 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

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive