

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2012 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-6-2012

Proposed by Council Member Campos

Introduced by Council Members Campos, Franklin, Toles, Lehman,

Co-Sponsors Turner, Harrison, Olson, Davis and Patterson

Date of Introduction February 14, 2012

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center at North Brentwood
3 For the purpose of acknowledging the work of the Prince George's African American Museum
4 and Cultural Center at North Brentwood and encouraging support of its endeavors.

5 WHEREAS, the mission of Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center
6 at North Brentwood (PGAAMCC) is to celebrate and inspire the Community through the
7 cultivation, preservation, and presentation of the cultural and artistic contributions of African
8 Americans in Prince George's County, Maryland; and

9 WHEREAS, beginning with the Quilt Exhibition in March of 2010, the Prince George's
10 African-American Museum and Cultural Center at North Brentwood began using their temporary
11 Gallery Space at 3901 Rhode Island Avenue in the heart of the Gateway Arts District to give the
12 community a taste of what to expect from the soon to be constructed museum; and

13 WHEREAS, to date there have been exhibitions across a broad spectrum that include the
14 photography of Roy Lewis, classic African-American film posters in "Vintage Visions",
15 contemporary African-American Art in Resonant Forms, reflections upon how the African-
16 American experience in World War II shaped the culture of Prince George's County in "Coming
17 Home" to the current exhibition "A Space of Their Own: A Celebration of Prince George's
18 County Historic Black Townships"; and

19 WHEREAS, additionally, the temporary gallery space serves as a hub for dynamic public
20 programs, community outreach projects, tours, and the museum's educational programming; and

21 WHEREAS, the PGAAMCC presents educational programming for children of all ages
22 through its *Early Keepers* and *Culture Keepers* programs. In the *Early Keepers* program,

1 children ages 3-5 visit the gallery on a monthly basis to explore African American cultural
2 heritage through story-telling, music, movement and arts and crafts. During the sessions, parents
3 are given the opportunity to spend quality time with their children and engage in culturally rich
4 activities that incorporate problem solving, math, and reading; and

5 WHEREAS, the history that made this County one of the most educated, most talented and
6 most promising is due in part to the tremendous dedication of the hearts and spirits of African
7 Americans who have been here since the founding of Prince George's County in 1695. It is a
8 long history and a proud history – and for more than 300 years, African Americans have been
9 essential to the growth of this unique County; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout the County are African American heritage sites, neighborhoods,
11 establishments, businesses, and genealogical stories that have shaped the landscape of Prince
12 George's County. This museum and cultural center will delve deeper into the his-stories and
13 her-stories of the people, families and areas that make this proud legacy.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
15 County, Maryland, that we are truly grateful for the efforts of the Prince George's African
16 American Museum and Cultural Center at North Brentwood to expand the cultivation,
17 preservation, and presentation of the cultural and artistic contributions of African Americans in
18 Prince George's County, Maryland; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's African American Museum and
20 Cultural Center at North Brentwood will provide a distinct opportunity to reflect on the progress
21 that has been made over the years and to honor those who have changed and continue to change
22 history through a diverse and sustainable cultural experience in Prince George's County; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge all Prince Georgians to join in our support of
24 this endeavor to bring this institution to full fruition.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2012.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Andrea C. Harrison
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council