

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

Resolution No. CR-64-2020  
Proposed by The Council Chair (by request – County Executive)  
Introduced by Council Members Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Harrison, Franklin, Glaros,  
Dernoga and Taveras  
Date of Introduction July 7, 2020

**RESOLUTION**

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

4 For the purpose of continuing the emergency declarations most recently adopted by the  
5 governing body on June 9, 2020, CR-51-2020, and continued by the County Executive as set  
6 forth in Executive Order 13-2020 dated June 12, 2020 and Executive Order 15-2020 dated June  
7 25, 2020, and as may be further amended.

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

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

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

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

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

19 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive for Prince George’s County, Maryland has issued  
20 several local declarations of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic: Executive Order  
21 Number 6-2020 on March 16, 2020; Executive Order Number 7-2020 on April 13, 2020;  
22 Executive Order Number 8-2020 on May 14, 2020; Executive Order Number 10-2020 on May

1 28, 2020; Executive Order Number 13-2020 on June 12, 2020; and Executive Order Number 15-  
2 2020 on June 25, 2020; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the County is approximately  
4 19,000, with more than 3000 hospitalizations and approximately 665 deaths; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the County's health care system continues to be stressed and in need of  
6 resources to effectively combat this emergency; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for the period March 15, 2020 through the week ending June 20, 2020,  
8 cumulatively, approximately 115,900 unemployment claims were filed by County residents,  
9 accounting for almost 14% of the new unemployment claims filed in the State; and

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

13 **WHEREAS**, the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland Number 20-06-10-01,  
14 issued June 10, 2020, specifically authorized political subdivisions to issue more restrictive orders  
15 than issued by the Governor including requiring any businesses, organizations, establishments, or  
16 facilities to close or modify their operations; and/or requiring individuals to remain indoors or to  
17 refrain from congregating; and

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

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Prince George's  
21 County, Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland continue under a declaration of  
22 emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak;

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

25 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Prince George's County, Maryland moved to a full  
26 Phase 2 reopening effective June 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and as such sufficient data is not yet  
27 available to determine whether changes to the emergency declaration are required at this time;  
28 and

29 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that it is necessary and reasonable to save lives and to  
30 preventing the further spread of COVID- 19, **effective July 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**, the orders set  
31 forth in Sections I through IX of Executive Order Number 15-2020 (dated June 25, 2020) are

1 fully incorporated and adopted herein: and

2 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that an accurate and genuine copy of Executive Order  
3 Number 15-2020 is attached hereto;

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the directives set forth herein will be enforced by the  
5 Prince George’s County Health Department, with the assistance of Prince George’s County  
6 law enforcement and other appropriate County employees as determined by the Chief  
7 Administrative Officer, as needed.

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

10 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through  
11 September 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m., unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or  
12 as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

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

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive