

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2021 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-48-2021
Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)
Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Davis, Taveras, Streeter, Harrison,
Dernoga, Glaros, Ivey, Anderson-Walker and Franklin
Date of Introduction May 11, 2021

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's County, Maryland's Eleventh Continued Declaration Of Emergency -
3 Coronavirus ("COVID-19")

4 For the purpose of continuing the emergency declarations most recently adopted by the
5 governing body on March 30, 2021, CR-33-2021, 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 10-328(b) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of
9 Maryland states that a county may provide for the prevention of contagious diseases in the
10 county; and

11 WHEREAS, Subtitle 6 of the Prince George's County Code, including but necessarily
12 limited to Division 5 of this Subtitle, provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency
13 by the County Executive and the authority to issue rules and regulations as deemed necessary to
14 control the situation; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County, Maryland has previously issued the following

1 emergency declarations: Executive Order Number 6-2020 dated March 16, 2020; Executive
2 Order Number 7-2020 dated April 13, 2020; CR-31-2020 adopted May 11, 2020; Executive
3 Order Number 8-2020 dated May 14, 2020; Executive Order Number 10-2020 dated May 28,
4 2020; CR-51-2020 adopted June 9, 2020; Executive Order Number 13-2020 dated June 12,
5 2020; Executive Order Number 15-2020 dated June 25, 2020; CR-64-2020 adopted July 7,
6 2020; Executive Order Number 20-2020 dated September 3, 2020; CR-90-101 adopted
7 September 15, 2020 ; CR-101-2020 adopted October 13, 2020; CR-125-2020 adopted November
8 17, 2020; and Executive Order 27-2020 dated December 15, 2020; CR-02-2021 adopted January
9 12, 2021; Executive Order 3-2021 dated January 26, 2021; CR-13-2021 adopted February 16,
10 2021; Executive Order 8-2021 adopted March 11, 2021; CR-33-2021 adopted March 30, 2021;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Prince George' s County, Maryland has been and continues to be severely
13 impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak; and

14 WHEREAS, as of March 2021, the County's unemployment rate was 7.8% (not seasonally
15 adjusted), resulting in the County having the third highest unemployment rate in the State with
16 38,130 unemployed residents; and

17 WHEREAS, as of May 4, 2021, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the County is
18 83,327 cases, with approximately 8427 hospitalizations and approximately 1433 deaths; and

19 WHEREAS, based upon reported data analysis as of May 3, 2021, the County's infection
20 rate is .91, its positivity rate is 4.3%, the average daily case rate is 13.7 per 100,000 residents and
21 the number of inpatients with COVID-19 in County hospitals accounts for approximately 11% of
22 total hospital capacity; and

23 WHEREAS, as of May 3, 2021, approximately 567,207 County residents have received a
24 vaccine dose and 238,256 have completed the vaccine series; and

25 WHEREAS, the County's health care system continues to need resources to effectively
26 combat this emergency; and

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

30 WHEREAS, CR-33-2021 remained in effective through May 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., unless
31 amended or terminated sooner; and

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

3 WHEREAS, while some relevant metrics have shown a downward trend, Prince George's
4 County remains in the medium or high-risk category of disease transmission for the key metrics,
5 public health experts continue to indicate that we may still be at risk for a surge of COVID-19
6 cases and warn against re-opening too quickly, and concern over community spread of new
7 COVID-19 variants, it is necessary that the County remain vigilant and cautious with its
8 re-opening planning:

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

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

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that it is necessary and reasonable to save lives and to prevent
15 the further spread of COVID- 19, the orders set forth in Attachment A of this Resolution are
16 fully incorporated and adopted herein; and

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rules set forth in this Resolution and Attachment A
18 will go into **effect on May 17, 2021 at 5:01 p.m.**; and

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the directives set forth herein will be enforced by the
20 Prince George's County Health Department, with the assistance of Prince George's County law
21 enforcement and other appropriate County employees as determined by the Chief Administrative
22 Officer, as needed; and

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the County will continue to conduct scheduled and
24 unscheduled inspections of retail, restaurant and business establishments to check for compliance
25 with this Resolution. Non-compliance may subject the owner and/or operator to a fine not
26 exceeding \$1,000 pursuant to the Prince George's County Code and/or the establishments to
27 closure pursuant to the legal authority of the Health Officer and/or other legal authority; and

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

30 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this declaration supersedes any inconsistent provision of a
31 prior Council Resolution or Executive Order; and

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of the Resolution are severable such that if
2 any provision of this Resolution or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held
3 invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of this
4 Resolution shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or
5 application; and

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through
7 July 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as
8 extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

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

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Date: _____

BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive