

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

Resolution No. CR-129-2021

Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Glaros, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Ivey,  
Harrison, and Taveras

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction November 2, 2021

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 2021 World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims

3 For the purpose of observing Sunday, November 21, 2021 as World Remembrance Day for Road  
4 Traffic Victims.

5 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2005, the United Nations adopted a resolution which calls for  
6 governments to mark the third Sunday in November each year as World Day of Remembrance  
7 for Road Traffic Victims; and

8 WHEREAS, observation of this day provides an opportunity to draw the public’s attention  
9 to road traffic crashes, their consequences and costs, and the measures which can be taken to  
10 prevent them; and

11 WHEREAS, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims offers an annual  
12 opportunity to increase public awareness of the burden of road traffic collisions on communities,  
13 and to emphasize the need to initiate and promote efforts to control this major public health and  
14 development problem, and to assist victims; and

15 WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019, Prince George’s County Government formally adopted  
16 Vision Zero to reach zero road fatalities by 2040 due the high number of preventable crashes on  
17 its roadways; and

18 WHEREAS, the international Vision Zero movement seeks to put an end to fatal traffic  
19 crashes and relies on data-driven approached to improve the engineering of roads, conduct  
20 targeted education and enforcement, and to enhance the law to improve driver behavior and  
21 increase penalties for dangerous conduct on the roads; and

1 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County has reflected the nationwide trend that while  
2 Americans drove significantly less in 2020 due to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic,  
3 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) early estimates show more  
4 individuals died in motor vehicle crashes than in 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, NHTSA’s research suggests that throughout the national public health  
6 emergency and associated lockdowns, driving patterns and behaviors changed significantly, and  
7 that drivers who remained on the roads engaged in more risky behavior, including speeding,  
8 failing to wear seat belts, and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and

9 WHEREAS, the County’s commitment to improving roadway safety for all users is  
10 paramount and observing the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is an  
11 opportunity to not only honor those individuals killed in vehicle crashes during 2020, but to  
12 shine awareness on the County’s efforts to decrease the number of traffic deaths.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
14 County, Maryland, joined with the Prince George’s County Executive do hereby observe  
15 Sunday, November 21, 2021 as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims; and, to  
16 the degree possible, encourage all residents to take moment to remember the victims of roadway  
17 crashes in 2020 and prior, and to recommit themselves to doing all in their power to prevent  
18 roadway crashes.  
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Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council