

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2017, Legislative Day No. 4

Resolution No. 9-17

Introduced by Mr. Fink

By the County Council, February 21, 2017

1 RESOLUTION supporting appropriation of funds for the installation of air quality  
2 monitoring equipment for the areas in close proximity to the H. A. Wagner and Brandon  
3 Shores Power Plants in Anne Arundel County

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5 WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the  
6 "EPA") designated portions of Baltimore and northern Anne Arundel County as  
7 an area of nonattainment for the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide ("SO<sub>2</sub>") primary  
8 national ambient air quality standard; and

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10 WHEREAS, the SO<sub>2</sub> nonattainment designation was based on air quality data  
11 obtained during a three-year period, from 2013 to 2015, showing elevated levels  
12 of SO<sub>2</sub> in the areas surrounding the H. A. Wagner and Brandon Shores Power  
13 Plants; and

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15 WHEREAS, the potential for negative health effects from poor air quality caused  
16 by the coal-burning power plants is of great concern to the citizens of the County  
17 and the County Council; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of the Environment has indicated to  
20 County residents that monitoring of the air quality in Northern Anne Arundel  
21 County is a high priority due to the potential negative health effects; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Wagner power plant is now using a lower-sulphur bituminous  
24 coal that could result in better air quality results for the plant; and

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26 WHEREAS, monitoring equipment installed in close proximity to the H. A.  
27 Wagner and Brandon Shores power plants will provide assurances that air quality  
28 is improving; and

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30 WHEREAS, the EPA has provided millions of dollars to researchers to conduct  
31 air quality studies in Baltimore, some of which should be used to measure air  
32 quality in Northern Anne Arundel County, as it was also included in the  
33 nonattainment designation; and

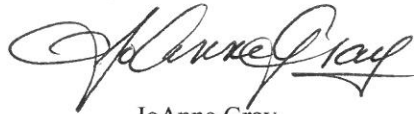
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35 WHEREAS, if EPA funds are not available, then funds should be included in the  
36 State of Maryland FY2018 budget for the purchase and maintenance of the SO<sub>2</sub>  
37 monitoring equipment near the H. A. Wagner and Brandon Shores power plants;  
38 now therefore,

1        *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby  
2 expresses its strong support for appropriation of funds for the installation of air quality  
3 monitoring equipment for the areas in close proximity to the H. A. Wagner and Brandon  
4 Shores Power Plants in Anne Arundel County; and be it further  
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6        *Resolved,* that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Larry Hogan and  
7 Benjamin H. Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment.

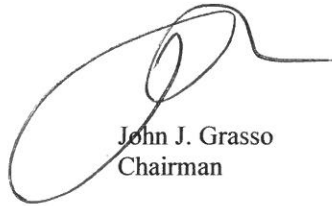
READ AND PASSED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

By Order:



JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 9-17 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



John J. Grasso  
Chairman