

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 12

Resolution No. 29-21

Introduced by Ms. Haire, Mr. Volke, and Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, May 20, 2021

1 RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to reopen Anne Arundel County buildings

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3 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
4 proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire  
5 State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State  
6 Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease  
7 known as COVID-19; and

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9 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, County Executive Steuart Pittman declared a civil  
10 emergency in Anne Arundel County due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

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12 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, County Executive Steuart Pittman ordered that  
13 most County buildings be closed to the public to help prevent the spread of COVID-  
14 19; and

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16 WHEREAS, subsequent to the closing of County buildings, County Executive  
17 Steuart Pittman issued Executive Orders to close public and private community  
18 playgrounds; to impose restrictions on certain indoor uses; to impose local  
19 restrictions on certain uses; to restrict social gatherings and indoor dining and to  
20 suspend play on County recreational facilities, many of which were revised one or  
21 more times; and

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23 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, County Executive Steuart Pittman terminated prior  
24 Executive Orders and eliminated restrictions related to COVID-19; and

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26 WHEREAS, County employees sit at the heart of ensuring effective responses to  
27 County citizens; and

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29 WHEREAS, in-person contact between our citizens and County government is  
30 essential; and

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32 WHEREAS, the continued delay in opening County buildings is detrimental to the  
33 services provided by County government and to our citizens; now, therefore, be it

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35 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the Anne*  
36 *Arundel County Council urges the County Executive to immediately reopen County*  
37 *buildings, subject to any remaining safety protocols; and be it further*

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- 1        *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman  
2        and to Niles Kalyanaraman, M.D., Health Officer.

READ AND PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

By Order:



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 29-21 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Sarah F. Lacey  
Chair