

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 10-21

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, January 19, 2021

1 RESOLUTION urging the Anne Arundel County Executive to reopen Indoor Theaters

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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, the Governor’s proclamation has subsequently been renewed at  
10 regular monthly intervals, and is still in effect; and

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12 WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 16 dated March 13, 2020, the Anne Arundel  
13 County Executive proclaimed a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County, pursuant  
14 to Article I, Title 6 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended); and

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16 WHEREAS, by Bill No. 24-20, the County Council extended the Proclamation of  
17 Civil Emergency by the County Executive through April 4, 2020, or to the date the  
18 civil emergency proclamation for the State of Maryland is approved to be renewed,  
19 extended, or terminated by the Governor of Maryland or the Maryland General  
20 Assembly; and

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22 WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01 dated November 17, 2020  
23 Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed that theatres in Maryland at which  
24 live performances occur or motion pictures are shown indoors (“Indoor Theaters”)   
25 may open to the general public; provided, however, that the total number of persons  
26 permitted in an Indoor Theater at any one time (per individual auditorium or  
27 performance stage) shall not exceed the lesser of (i) 50% of that Indoor Theater’s  
28 Maximum Occupancy (defined below), or (ii) 100 persons; and

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30 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, the County Executive issued Executive Order  
31 No. 41 that, among other things, directed that Indoor Theaters (as defined in the  
32 Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01) shall close; and be it hereby

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34 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it urges the*  
35 *County Executive to immediately rescind the portion of Executive Order No. 41 that directs*  
36 *Indoor Theaters (as defined in the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01) shall*  
37 *close and allow Indoor Theaters (as defined in the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-11-*  
38 *17-01) to reopen and to operate with the capacity limits set forth in the Governor’s*  
39 *Executive Order No. 20-11-17-01; and be it further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.