

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 31

Resolution No. 50-20

Introduced by Mr. Pruski, Ms. Pickard, and Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, November 16, 2020

1 RESOLUTION congratulating and honoring the work of the Board of Elections for
2 Anne Arundel County

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4 WHEREAS, since March, 2020, the State of Maryland, including Anne Arundel
5 County, has been in a state of emergency as a result of the threat and continuing
6 impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19; and

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8 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed peoples lives and altered the
9 way in which businesses and governmental entities do business; and

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11 WHEREAS, a national election occurred during the pandemic, making all aspects
12 of the election difficult; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Board of Elections for Anne Arundel County is responsible for
15 overseeing the conduct of all State and Federal elections held in Anne Arundel
16 County; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Board's mission is to provide all registered voters in this County
19 with accessible locations to exercise their vote, to promote fair and equitable
20 elections, and to maintain records in a form that is accessible to the public; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Board ensured there were sufficient election officials for in-person
23 voting, provided seven voting centers for early in-person voting, set up 31 voting
24 centers for in-person voting on Election Day, provided 32 drop boxes throughout
25 the County for the deposit of ballots, notified our citizens by email when drop box
26 ballots were in the possession of the Board, notified our citizens by email to inform
27 them their ballots had been counted, and timely published and updated election
28 results, to name a few of its accomplishments; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Board excelled in performing all of its responsibilities during the
31 November 3, 2020 election, despite the pandemic and despite the fact that more
32 ballots were cast in this election than perhaps any election in the past; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Board of Elections for Anne Arundel County deserves recognition
35 for the professional manner in which the Board handled the November 3, 2020
36 election during difficult times; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
2 congratulates and honors the Board of Elections for Anne Arundel County for all of its
3 work and accomplishments during this election; and be it further

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5 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman;*
6 and to Joseph Torre, Election Director for the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections.

READ AND PASSED this 16th day of November, 2020.

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 50-20 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison M. Pickard
Chair