

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 4

Resolution No. 6-25

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Ms. Hummer, Ms. Leadbetter, and Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, February 18, 2025

1 RESOLUTION in honor of Heart Health Month, urging Anne Arundel County to
2 provide the community with tools to help save people suffering from sudden cardiac events
3 by installing publicly accessible wall-mounted or standalone Automated External
4 Defibrillators (AEDs) in Anne Arundel County parks

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6 WHEREAS, February is America's Heart Health Month, where we recommit to
7 promoting heart-healthy lifestyles, and bring awareness to heart disease as the
8 leading cause of death of Americans; and

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10 WHEREAS, AEDs increase the chance of survival for cardiac arrest victims when
11 used properly, however, AEDs are often secured inside offices and inaccessible
12 during non-office hours, leaving individuals of all ages at risk during emergencies;
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15 WHEREAS, publicly accessible AED kiosks are climate controlled to protect the
16 functionality in all conditions, alarmed and monitored 24/7 with automatic
17 emergency service alerts when accessed, and enhance and promote public safety
18 and awareness; and

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20 WHEREAS, Howard County recently installed 17 AED kiosks in County parks and
21 Talbot County has had AED kiosks for nearly two decades, with seven successful
22 resuscitations using publicly accessible AEDs in the past two years; and

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24 WHEREAS, there are efforts to install three AED kiosks around the community
25 through sponsors and donors, minimizing the need for taxpayer funding, and
26 exemplifying public-private partnerships that saves lives and improve the safety of
27 our community; now, therefore, be it

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29 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
30 recognizes and reaffirms its commitment to fighting and bringing awareness to
31 cardiovascular disease by honoring February as Heart Health Month; and

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33 *Resolved,* That the County Council of Anne Arundel County encourages all of the
34 departments of the County to leverage the public-private partnership opportunities that are
35 available to provide publicly accessible AEDs in Anne Arundel County parks; and

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37 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman
38 and the directors of all County departments.