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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. # 9 – 2020

May 27, 2020

PRINCE GEORGE'S FORWARD TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland issued its first local declaration of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order Number 6-2020, on March 16, 2020, and a second declaration of emergency on April 13, 2020, pursuant to Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 6-134, et seq., of the Prince George's County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Prince George's County, by Council Resolution 31-2020, that is effective May 11, 2020, extended for thirty (30) days the emergency declarations of the County Executive set forth in Executive Orders 6-2020 and 7-2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, pursuant to Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 6-134, et seq., of the Prince George's County Code and the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Number 20-05-13-01 issued May 13, 2020, Prince George's County, Maryland issued Executive Order No. 8, which extended the Stay-At-Home Order and other restrictions in Prince George's County, Maryland in an effort to save lives and to protect the public safety and welfare of all Prince Georgians during this pandemic, by controlling and preventing the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the first and second declarations, extension and Executive Order No. 8 were aimed at protecting the health and safety of all County residents and ensuring an immediate and effective response to the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland, with currently over 14,000 confirmed cases, has the highest number of COVID-19 positive cases in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland continues to experience a surge of County residents becoming ill with the COVID-19 virus, which places tremendous stress on the standard method of providing medical care; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County residents are also suffering from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County sectors of small business and industry ranging from, but not limited to, hospitality, retail, manufacturing, technology & information technology, real estate and others have been severely affected, and

WHEREAS, unemployment in Prince George's County, Maryland is and continues to increase at an unprecedented rate, food insecurity has risen dramatically and most of the jobs created in the County over the last five years have been lost due to economic downturn, and caused by the current pandemic and required mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 7-2020 established a task force committee to provide professional, technical and strategic assistance to the County in successfully combatting this health emergency and such assistance is needed for the continued protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County recognizes the need to immediately form and utilize a task force to assist the County as it continues to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, provides for the County Executive to appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs; now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, on this 27th day of May 2020, that I, Angela D. Alsobrooks, County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland, do hereby order the formation of the Prince George's Forward Task Force; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Prince George's Forward Task Force will develop a multi-pronged approach to address the impacts of COVID-19 on all Prince Georgians; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Prince George's Forward Task Force will be composed of individuals representing Health, Human & Social Services, Education, Economic Resurgence and Government Operations; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Prince George's Forward Task Force shall meet, telephonically or by video conference, bi-weekly the first three months and monthly thereafter and shall issue a preliminary report December 31, 2020, with recommendations for A Stronger Prince George's County, no later than May 27, 2021, with the collective understanding that further work and reporting may be necessary as a result of COVID-19 related circumstances.



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