

**COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 12-06**

**A BILL ENTITLED**

**AN ACT CONCERNING Recognition of English as The Official Language in Queen Anne's County.**

**FOR THE PURPOSE of designating the English language as the official language of Queen Anne's County;**

**BY ADDING Section 4-14 to the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County;**

**SECTION I**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that a new Section 4-14 be added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, to read as follows:**

**§4-14. Official Language of Queen Anne's County.**

**ENGLISH SHALL BE THE OFFICIAL AND COMMON LANGUAGE OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY. ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, COMMUNICATION AND AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY SHALL BE IN ENGLISH UNLESS MANDATED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW OR AS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME AND CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS, TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, TO TEACH ENGLISH TO NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS, OR TO PROMOTE TRADE AND TOURISM IN THE COUNTY.**

**SECTION II**

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46<sup>th</sup>) day following its enactment.**

**INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Olds**

**DATE: February 28, 2012**

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD: April 24, 2012 @ 6:15 p.m.**

**VOTE: 4 Yea 1 Nay (Commissioner Dunmyer opposed)**

**DATE OF ADOPTION: May 8, 2012**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: June 23, 2012**