



Resolution

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF OPEN DATA, PROVIDING USER-FRIENDLY PUBLIC DATA AND INFORMATION TO THE CITIZENS SO THAT THEY MAY BE BETTER INFORMED AND BETTER ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County have determined that it is in the public interest to establish and maintain a policy and program of transparent government using the principles and practices of Open Data.

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County operates departments and agencies to serve the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the County generates large quantities of data in the process of its operation; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of local and state governments, including Counties in Maryland, the State of Maryland, and many cities and counties of various sizes across the United States including New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and many more, are providing their citizens with open access to the data they collect; and

WHEREAS, providing open data improves government transparency and provides for increased accountability to the public; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County should join the growing movement to provide open data to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of October, 2015 by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland as follows:

RESOLVED, the County should establish an Open Data Council to set policy on providing open data sets and create a web site portal where members of the public can access Open Data in Queen Anne's County; and be it further

RESOLVED, all county departments should work with QACTV and Information Technology to publish data as part of a program directed by the Open Data Council to provide relevant information sharing with the public;

RESOLVED, that the Open Data Council ("the Council") is hereby established to develop the County's open data policy, implement an open data program and guide future County data policy, as needed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Open Data Council shall be comprised of the County Administrator, the Director of Budget, Finance and Information Technology, the IT Manager, the County Attorney, the

Director of the Office of Community Affairs and representatives of County departments from the functional areas of public safety, public works, economic development, planning and zoning, health and community services, or other representatives appointed by the County Administrator; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Council shall establish procedures for its governance; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Council shall establish an Implementation Plan for Open Data in Queen Anne's County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Council shall develop an open data policy for the County, including the adoption of necessary technical standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall meet on at least a quarterly basis to review the County's open data policy, implement the program called for in this Resolution, and make amendments as necessary to maximize the amount of data to be provided and published to the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, for the purposes of this resolution, the term "data set" shall be defined as a comprehensive collection of interrelated data that is available for inspection by the public and shall not include: data which an agency may deny access to pursuant to local, state or federal law, data that reflects internal deliberations or decision making, materials subject to intellectual property laws, proprietary materials or personnel data deemed confidential by the County Attorney, and be it further

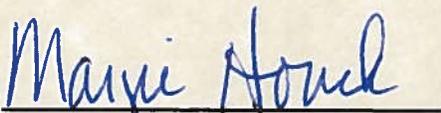
RESOLVED, that the county is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop a website or web portal that provides public access to data sets that are published pursuant to its established policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that project staffing for the Open Data program will be provided by QACTV, Information Technology, and Budget, Finance and Information Technology.

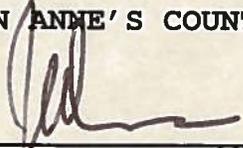
WITNESS the hands and seals of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland the day and year above written.

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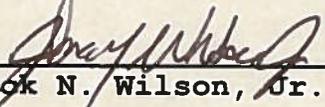
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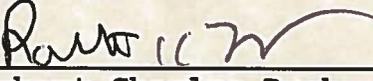


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