

1 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. R-15-09**

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5 **Introduced by Mayor Moyer**

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
First Reader:	Public Hearing:	Fiscal Impact Note:	120 Day Rule:
03/09/09	N/A	N/A	N/A
Referred to:	Meeting Date:	Action Taken:	

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9 **A RESOLUTION concerning**

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11 **The University of Maryland’s Archeology in Annapolis Program**

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13 **FOR** the purpose of expressing the City’s gratitude for the University of Maryland’s “City
14 of Annapolis Archeology Fellowship”; joining with the interests of the University of
15 Maryland in creating an off-campus archeology classroom; and, integrating the
16 University’s program into the Annapolis Public Works Administration’s street and
17 undergrounding utilities initiative.

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19 **WHEREAS**, Archeology in Annapolis was founded in 1981 by the Historic Annapolis
20 Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, University of
21 Maryland; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, about 40 sites have been excavated in the Historic District, Eastport, and
24 Parole by students with this program; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, about 750,000 artifacts representing a substantial part of the people of
27 Annapolis have been recovered; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, in connection with street projects for undergrounding utilities in 2008, there
30 have been significant finds on Fleet and Cornhill Streets; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the remains of a timber road found in front of 45 Fleet Street date back to
33 1684 and may be the oldest of its kind in the American colonies; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, a spirit bundle discovered on Cornhill Street dating to 1690 has inspired tours
36 to Annapolis and attracted national attention through newspapers, such as the
37 *New York Times*, and magazines, such as *Archeology*; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, more finds as these substantial and unique discoveries may yet be found
3 beneath the sidewalks and alleys of the Historic District; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, grants from Preserve America, the Maryland Historic Trust, and Four Rivers
6 Heritage Area have made possible archeology exhibits at museums and
7 hospitality centers in the City; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the University of Maryland is establishing a permanent archive on all records
10 for Archeology in Annapolis in the Special Collections section of the Maryland
11 Room in the Library at College Park; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the University of Maryland has agreed to extend twenty credits of tuition at the
14 graduate level to an archeology student through a program named "The City
15 of Annapolis Archeological Fellowship"; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, it is in the interests of the City in appreciation for the high interests of the
18 University of Maryland for Archeology in Annapolis to recognize our City as an
19 off-campus classroom.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
22 City, recognized as an early American urban archeological treasure, expresses its gratitude
23 to host the City of Annapolis Archeology Fellowship with the Graduate School - University
24 of Maryland.
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26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
27 will join with the interests of the University of Maryland for an off-camps classroom for
28 training archeologists, as archeology work preliminary to road reconstruction in the Historic
29 District offers a significant classroom venue for student-excavators and skilled graduate
30 students.
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32 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
33 City will integrate the University of Maryland's Archeology in Annapolis program into the
34 Public Works Administration's street and undergrounding utilities program, and that the City
35 will work with the University of Maryland to secure grants and identify other revenue
36 sources and partnerships to achieve further success in the off-campus laboratory and
37 archeology classroom of the Capital City.
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42 **ADOPTED** this 13th day of April, 2009.
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1 **ATTEST:**

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

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BY:

5 Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, CMC

ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR

6 **City Clerk**