

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

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. R-16-09**

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5 **Introduced by Alderman Cordle**

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7 **Co-sponsored by Mayor Moyer**
8 **Alderman Arnett**
9 **Alderman Shropshire**
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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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12 **A RESOLUTION concerning**

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14 **Supporting the Chesapeake Bay Foundation**

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16 **FOR** the purpose of supporting the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) in its efforts to
17 enforce the Clean Water Act and the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement and reiterate the
18 City of Annapolis’ commitment to reduce pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.
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20 **WHEREAS**, the continuing degradation of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries has
21 contributed to the loss of more than 4,400 bay fisheries-related jobs
22 throughout Maryland and Virginia since 1998; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, Bay scientists have determined that in 2008 the Bay suffered the fourth worst
25 “dead zone” since 1985, with pollution serving as a major factor in the Bay’s
26 crab depopulation; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement sought to reduce pollution sufficiently to
29 have the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries removed from the Clean Water
30 Act’s impaired waters list by 2010; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has failed to adequately enforce
33 the Clean Water Act; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, the CBF has filed suit in federal court to require the EPA to enforce the Clean
36 Water Act and meet the goals of the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, the CBF has provided a list of 33 actions that the EPA and federal
39 government can take to achieve the goal of delisting the Chesapeake Bay,
40 including: requiring the EPA to commit to achieve 80 percent of the pollution

1 reduction goal by 2012, with full implementation by 2015; requiring the EPA to
2 take an active role in wastewater treatment plant permits to ensure
3 compliance with pollution reduction goals and that there will be no net
4 increase in pollution loadings; and, adopting stringent limits for municipal
5 stormwater discharges.
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7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
8 City Council expresses its support of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in its efforts to require
9 the EPA to enforce the Clean Water Act.

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11 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
12 Council further expresses its support of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's pollution
13 reduction goal of 80 percent by 2012 and the completion of the goal by 2015.
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16 **ADOPTED** this 9th day of March, 2009.

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18 **ATTEST:**

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

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23 **Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, CMC**
24 **City Clerk**

BY: _____
ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR