

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

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. R-63-09**

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5 **Introduced by Mayor Moyer**

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
First Reading:	Public Hearing:	Fiscal Impact Note:	120 Day Rule:
10/26/09	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 **Continued Funding of the Choice Program**

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13 **FOR** the purpose of expressing the City of Annapolis' support for the continued funding of
14 the Choice Program.

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16 **WHEREAS**, for twenty years, the Choice Program has helped juvenile offenders make
17 better choices by encouraging them to remain in school or complete the GED,
18 assisting them find employment, and offering cultural and educational
19 activities; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, 80% of youth referred to the Choice Program by the Department of Juvenile
22 Services who successfully complete the Program do not re-offend and
23 terminate probation shortly after the Program concludes; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, due to recent budget cuts, the Department of Juvenile Services has reduced
26 50% of the Program's budget; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, as a result of this budget reduction, Program offices in Anne Arundel,
29 Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties will close, leaving only the offices
30 in Baltimore City and County open; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, without the Choice Program, at-risk youths in these counties have few options
33 for constructive programs which dramatically reduce recidivism and foster life-
34 long benefits; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the Choice Program was an integral part of the City of Annapolis' Safe Streets
37 Program.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City Council expresses the City of Annapolis' support for the continued funding of the Choice Program.

ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2009.

ATTEST:

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR