

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0044R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, D'Adamo, Branch, Kraft, Henry, Young, Middleton,
Clarke, Conaway, Reisinger, Spector, Welch, Curran
Introduced and adopted: May 5, 2008

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

In Support of NACo – Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation

FOR the purpose of joining NACo in support of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's campaign to increase the Center's visibility as a resource in child exploitation cases and encouraging the public to access information and report such crimes through the Center's Hotline or website.

Recitals

The 2007-2008 Presidential Initiatives of NACo (the National Association of Counties) include a partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to raise awareness about the alarming prevalence of child pornography, prostitution, sexual tourism, molestation, and online sexual solicitation in America, to urge member counties to join the National Center's Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE), and to create task forces to fight the abuse of children in their jurisdictions.

The President emphasizes that child exploitation is a scourge on our society, and its effects can last a lifetime. Many victims battle depression, post traumatic stress syndrome, or become drug abusers, and some may become sexual offenders themselves. Tragically, this type of victimization often carries with it an enormous social and financial burden, not only on the individual victims but on the entire community.

The Baltimore City Council has long been an advocate for children and youth, championing causes that include adequate medical and dental care, equal education, safe after-school activities, the elimination of childhood obesity, family preservation, and the effective and immediate delivery of services to abused, neglected, and sexually exploited children.

Recently, the Council also joined Advocates for Children and Youth's *Maryland Can Do Better for Children!* campaign to improve the outcome for children in the areas of education, health, and safety, by 2010, and welcomes this opportunity to call further attention to the need for increased vigilance in the area of child sexual exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body joins NACo in support of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's campaign to increase the Center's visibility as a resource in child exploitation cases and in encouraging the public to access information and report such crimes through the Center's Hotline or website.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 President and Members of the National Association of Counties, the Executive Director of the
3 Mayor's Office of State Relations, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.