

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0282R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, Young, Curran, Kraft, Spector, Middleton, Conaway,  
Welch, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**In Celebration of National County Government Week –  
April 22-28, 2007 – “Protecting the Environment”**

FOR the purpose of joining fellow members and affiliates of the National Association of  
Counties (NACo) and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) in the annual  
celebration of county government to raise public awareness and understanding about the  
roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties and endorsing this year’s theme of  
“protecting the environment”.

**Recitals**

An overview of our State provided by Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) states that  
of the 50 states, Maryland is among those with the fewest number of local governments. Local  
government is found in Maryland’s 23 counties, 157 towns and cities, and special taxing  
districts, which were created by State, county, and municipal governments. For much of  
Maryland, local government typically is county government. Baltimore City, although a  
municipality, has been considered on a par with county jurisdictions since the adoption of the  
Maryland Constitution of 1851.

Baltimore City pays its respects to the other 23 main local jurisdictions in Maryland and  
other county and local government jurisdictions across the country by adopting the following  
proclamation of the National Association of Counties (NACo):

**National County Government Week  
April 22-28, 2007  
Protecting the Environment**

**WHEREAS**, The nation’s 3,066 counties provide a variety of essential public services to  
communities serving 300 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health,  
welfare, and safety of its citizens in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Many county government initiatives involve the protection of valuable and  
vulnerable environmental resources in communities; and

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

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1       **WHEREAS**, The National Association of Counties is the only national organization that  
2 represents county governments in the United States, provides essential services to the nation’s  
3 counties, advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the  
4 public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative  
5 solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties  
6 and taxpayers money; and

7       **WHEREAS**, The National Association of Counties first celebrated National County  
8 Government Week in 1991, to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and  
9 responsibilities of the nation’s counties to meet the needs of the community; and

10       **WHEREAS**, In recognition of the leadership, innovation, and valuable service provided by the  
11 nation’s counties;

12       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That April 22  
13 - 28, 2007, is hereby proclaimed National County Government Week, and Baltimore City joins  
14 fellow members and affiliates of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Maryland  
15 Association of Counties (MACo) in the annual celebration of county government to raise public  
16 awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties and  
17 endorses this year’s theme of “protecting the environment”.

18       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
19 President of NACo, the President of MACo, the Executive Director of the Office of State  
20 Relations, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.