

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01**

**A Resolution concerning
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

FOR the purpose of supporting the Maryland Department of Commerce providing financial assistance through the Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund ("MEDAAF") to the Charles County Economic Development Department ("EDD") for the development of a five-year strategic economic development plan for Charles County ("Plan") and to reflect the commitment of the Charles County Board of Commissioners to fund and support the Plan.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland ("County") recognize the importance of economic development and employment growth as a critical component of creating and sustaining jobs, tax revenue, and a healthy and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges the support provided by the State of Maryland Department of Commerce to local jurisdictions for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has accepted a proposal from and engaged Development Counsellors International (DCI) to implement a scope of work that will result in a 5-Year Strategic Economic Development Plan which will serve as the County's road map to help strengthen the local business climate and assist the County in increasing its economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the County has provided funding for this project in the FY16 budget as well as applied to the Maryland Department of Commerce for funding assistance through MEDAFF, and

WHEREAS, Section 5-319 of the Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires a formal resolution of the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the project is located endorsing the financial assistance to be provided by MEDAAF along with recognition of the required local support for the project; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that supporting this project is in the best interest of the citizens and community at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 5th day of January 2016, that the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland do hereby affirm support the Maryland Department of Commerce in providing a MEDAAF grant in the amount of \$50,000 to the Charles County Economic Development Department toward the total cost of the Plan of \$140,000; and

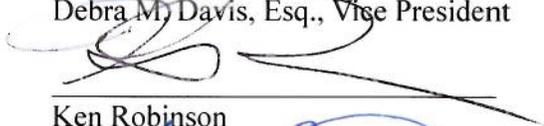
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Charles County are authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND


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