

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Resolution No. 79-16

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Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Councilman

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By the County Council, July 5, 2016

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A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council for the purpose of commending the local faith community, Northwest Hospital and LifeBridge Health, and the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund for their commitment to improving public health throughout Baltimore with the Maryland Faith Community Health Network.

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2016, local faith congregations, Northwest Hospital, a LifeBridge Health facility, and the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund launched the Maryland Faith Community Health Network; and

WHEREAS, for decades, churches and faith communities have helped their congregations in times of need, especially when one is admitted to a hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Faith Community Health Network brings together hospitals and faith congregations throughout Baltimore County to improve the health of the community; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Network is to support formal collaboration between faith communities and hospitals in order to achieve mutual goals. These goals include decreasing the amount of potentially avoidable hospitalizations, improving a congregant's overall wellness, and cutting down on the cost of medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Faith Community Health Network is based on a similar model in Memphis, Tennessee, which has been successfully improving health outcomes since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Faith Community Health Network welcomes other participants in Baltimore County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Council commends the local faith community, Northwest Hospital and LifeBridge Health, and the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund for their commitment to improving public health throughout Baltimore County through the Maryland Faith Community Health Network and encourages the participation of other County hospitals and faith communities.

READ AND PASSED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of AUGUST, 2016.

BY ORDER

  
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Thomas J. Peddicord, Jr.  
Secretary

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