

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 13

Resolution No. 32-23

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Mr. Smith, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Fiedler, and
Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, July 3, 2023

1 RESOLUTION condemning recent attacks on places of worship in Anne Arundel
2 County

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4 WHEREAS, in the past several weeks, there has been an increase of attacks,
5 including thefts, vandalism, destruction of property, and burglaries, committed
6 against places of worship in and around Anne Arundel County that has caused
7 immense hurt and has interfered with people’s right to worship and express their
8 faith; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Anne Arundel County Police Department, particularly the
11 Western and Southern Districts, have tirelessly investigated and made solving
12 these crimes a priority, resulting in at least three arrests this past week; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that from 2020 to 2021
15 nationally reported hate crime incidents increased 11.6% and in June 2023 there
16 were at least five attacks on local places of worship throughout Anne Arundel
17 County; and

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19 WHEREAS, the County Council condemns all attacks on places of worship and
20 supports and praises the local congregations who have persevered in showing love
21 in action even in the face of vandalism and destruction; and

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23 WHEREAS, the County Council is committed to countering hate, bigotry, and
24 discrimination on the basis on the basis of religion, race, and ethnicity and supports
25 the investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts with the intent
26 to interfere with people’s right to worship and express their faith; now, therefore,
27 be it

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29 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
30 *condemns all attacks that interfere with people’s right to worship and express their faith*
31 *including the recent attacks, thefts, vandalism, destruction of property, and burglaries*
32 *against several places of worship within Anne Arundel County; and be it further*
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34 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.*

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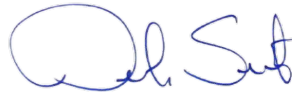
READ AND PASSED this 3rd day of July, 2023.

By Order:



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 32-23 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Peter I. Smith
Chair