



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2023

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE CITY OF LAUREL NO-KILL COMMUNITY ANIMAL SHELTER TASK FORCE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLANNING, FUNDING, AND PROVIDING A TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF A NO-KILL COMMUNITY ANIMAL SHELTER

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have stated there are many stray animals within the City and there is not a shelter for such animals near Laurel, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel reviewed and adopted Resolution No. 2-19 on February 25, 2019, to establish a Task Force to study and address this problem, and

WHEREAS, the task force was to be known as the "City of Laurel No-Kill Community Animal Shelter Task Force", and

WHEREAS, the Task Force did explore all the possibility of establishing a No-Kill Community Animal Shelter in the City of Laurel, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that a no-kill shelter within the City will be beneficial to its citizens by providing a safe place for stray animals to be housed, cared for and where the adoption of those animals can be promoted within the community, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed residents and support staff to the Task Force, with the understanding that they would address some of the following: Type of Shelter, Types of animals to be housed, size and possible locations, funding, operation by volunteers, adoption outreach, and operational guidelines to name a few which they have done, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force did engage the community with open meetings, at least one public hearing and a community questionnaire before the Task Force Report was presented to the Mayor and City Council on Monday, January 23, 2023, with much support from the community on establishing a No-Kill Community Animal Shelter, and

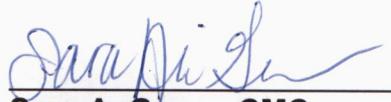
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after review and in support of the of the No-Kill Community Animal Shelter Task Force Final Report, dated March 21, 2022, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland hereby adopt the report.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to move forward with the recommendations, specifically those recommendations found on page 33 of the Final Report, and engage the community to become volunteers, and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee to be established by the Mayor and City Council under a separate Resolution.

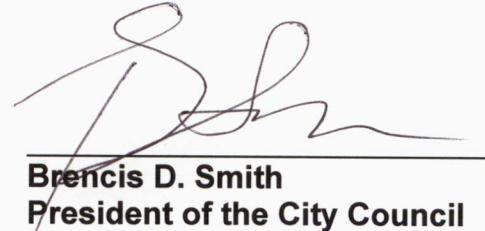
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

PASSED this 27th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

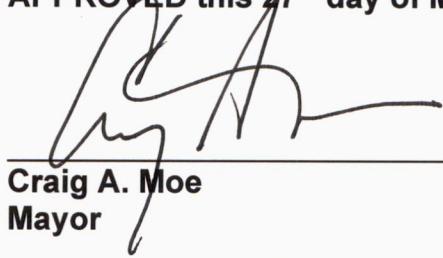


Sara A. Green, CMC
Clerk to the City Council



Bencis D. Smith
President of the City Council

APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2023.



Craig A. Moe
Mayor