

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 135- 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Naresh Chandra Das– Interfaith Advisory Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Naresh Chandra Das to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

Introduced and read first time on sep 8, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on sep 22, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on oct 5, 2026.

Certified by Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.352 and 12.222 of the Howard County Code provide for an Interfaith Advisory Commission in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Dr. Naresh Chandra Das as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 5, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Dr. Naresh Chandra Das

Dayton, Maryland



Dr. Naresh C. Das of Indian origin is one of the Hindu community leaders in Howard County. After completing his Ph. D. in Physics, he served in IIT, Mumbai and then in BHEL, Bangalore before migrating to USA in 1990. There he worked in Kirtland Air Force Base, NM and NASA Goddard space flight center in Maryland. Since 2000, he is working as Physicist in Army Research Laboratory on the outskirts of Washington DC. He lives with his wife Dr. Bigyani Das who is also a computational scientist working at NOAA (National Oceanic and atmospheric administration). Dr. Das has published more than 50 papers in various international journals and presented papers in more than 50 international conferences. Dr. Das is also founder and chairman of non-profit organization named Jagannath Organization for Global Awareness (JOGA) and established first Hindu temple in Howard County in MD.