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Effective Date _____

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 22 -2025

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting - Howard County Flag

AN ACT adopting a new flag description for Howard County, Maryland; setting out the design of the flag and the colors displayed therein.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2025 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2025 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2025

Calvin Ball, County Executive

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

1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
2 *County Code is amended as follows:*

3 *By amending*

4 *Title 22,*

5 *Section 22.100. County Flag.*

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7 **Title 22. General Provisions.**

8 **Subtitle 1. County Flag and County Seal.**

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10 **Section 22.100. County Flag**

11 [[The Howard County flag is a red, white, green and gold design which incorporates part of the
12 flag of the State of Maryland. Added to the basic design, on the first quarterly, a sheaf of wheat
13 in gold. In the fourth quarterly, a green outline of the County is set in a triangle of gold. The
14 remaining quarterlies are red. The flag is centered with the same red and white cross
15 incorporated in the flag of the State of Maryland.

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17 The design is as published in the Central Maryland News of June 6, 1968.]]

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19 THE HOWARD COUNTY FLAG IS A BLUE, GREEN, WHITE AND GOLDEN YELLOW DESIGN. THE FLAG
20 FEATURES A BLUE BACKGROUND WITH AN ARCHING WHITE LINE THROUGH THE MIDDLE. TOUCHING
21 THE ARCHING WHITE LINE IS A GOLDEN YELLOW CIRCLE POSITIONED TO THE RIGHT OF CENTER AND
22 ABOVE THE MIDDLE OF THE FLAG. BELOW THE ARCHING WHITE LINE IS A FIELD OF GREEN. IN THE
23 BOTTOM QUARTER OF THE FLAG, AND WITHIN THE GREEN FIELD, IS A SEMICIRCLE OF GOLDEN
24 YELLOW AND WHITE ARCHES IN A STRIPED PATTERN WITH THREE GOLDEN YELLOW AND THREE
25 WHITE STRIPES. THE SEMICIRCLE OF GOLDEN YELLOW AND WHITE ARCHES IN A STRIPED PATTERN
26 IS SLIGHTLY OFF-CENTER TO THE RIGHT.

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28 THE DESIGN IS AS PUBLISHED IN THE BALTIMORE BANNER ARTICLE DATED MARCH 18, 2025.

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30 **Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
31 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*