

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 5

RESOLUTION NO. 79 - 2025

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Vinitha Nithianandam - Human Trafficking Prevention
Coordination Council

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Vinitha Nithianandam to the Human
Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council.

Introduced and read first time on April 17, 2025.

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

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on April 21, 2025.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council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 May 5, 2025.

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

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~~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, Title 17, Subtitle 11, of the Howard County Code provides for a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the reappointment of Vinitha Nithianandam as a member of the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council; 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 May, 2025 that the following person is reappointed as a member of the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council to serve from the passage of this Resolution to May 5, 2028 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Vinitha Nithianandam
Ellicott City, Maryland

Vinitha Nithianandam

Experience

Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC)

Associate Professor, August 2015 - Present

Course Taught

- Taught Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics courses

Women in Technology

- Collaborated with other colleague to facilitate Women in Technology group to provide support for female students
- Worked with female executives and technology professionals in Cyber Security to share experiences to students
- Facilitated mentorship opportunities for female students and conducted monthly meetings
- Received a grant from Cisco to develop and host a “Diva Hackathon” in the summer of 2018
- Conducted “Diva Hackathon” a weeklong camp for female high school students in summer 2018 with Prof. Chin.

Howard Community College

Professor Computer Technology/Director of Information Assurance 1989- 2015

Courses taught

- Taught various technology courses

College Service at Howard Community College

- Advisory committee member of Howard County Technology Schools
- A member of a Cyber Security Program Articulation committee in the University of Maryland System.
- Developed articulation agreements with 4-year colleges/universities (local and out-of-state) for the HCC Technology A.A program.
- Mentored and advised students each year to prepare students to successfully achieve their academic and career goals.

Presentations

- MECU Baltimore Credit Union on “Cybersecurity Awareness” (2016)
- A talk on “Cybersecurity in Health Information Management” to Maryland Health Information Management Association at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (2018)

Collaborations, Other Affiliations and Awards

- Member, National Cyber Security curriculum Task Force for Cyber Watch Center
- HCC Outstanding Faculty of the Year – 2007
- HCC Outstanding Faculty of the Year – 2002
- Outstanding Educator, Howard County Chamber of Commerce – 2002

Community Services

- Certified Volunteer for Araminta Freedom Initiative since March 10th, 2021.

Education

- **M.S** degree in Electronics Engineering, University of Scranton, PA (1981).
- Completed 30 credits of graduate courses towards a Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (1981 – 1984).
- **B.S.E.E** degree in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering, College of Engineering, Guindy that is affiliated with Anna University, Chennai, India (1977).