County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

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

A RESOLUTION making certain findings and designating the Route 1 Corridor as a Recovery Zone for the issuance of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

Introduced and read first time <u>crober 5</u> , 2009.	By order <u>Chelleule</u> Stephen LeGendre, Administrator
Read for a second time at a public hearing on OOV Let 19	 2009.
	By order Stephen LeGendre, Administrator
This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with a on Adopted with a	mendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council
	Certified By Stephen LeGendre, Administrator
Approved by the County Executive November 3 2009	Ken Ulman, 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 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("AARA") made a 2 number of changes to the Federal Tax Code that relate to tax-exempt and municipal bonds; and 3 WHEREAS, accordingly, Howard County, Maryland (the "County") has been allocated 4 5 \$12,270,000 in national recovery zone economic development bonds that may be used by the : 6 County to issue a like principal amount of bonds as Recovery Zone Economic Development 7 Bonds within the meaning of Section 1400U-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as 8 amended (the "IRS Code"); and 9 10 WHEREAS, the Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds will provide a cost-11 effective source of funds for the purpose of promoting development or other economic activity 12 within the area of Howard County designated as the Howard County Recovery Zone; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the County has been allocated \$18,406,000 in national recovery zone 15 facility bonds that may be used by the County to issue a like principal amount of bonds as 16 Recovery Zone Facility Bonds within the meaning of Section 1400U-3 of the IRS Code; and 17 WHEREAS, the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds will provide a source of below-market 18 financing for businesses that are located in the Howard County Recovery Zone; and 19 20 21 WHEREAS, the AARA requires a local jurisdiction that will issue Recovery Zone 22 Economic Development Bonds or Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to designate a Recovery Zone 23 as described in Section 1400U-1(b) of the IRS Code; and 24 25 WHEREAS, a Recovery Zone is an area designated by the County as having significant 26 poverty or unemployment, a significant rate of home foreclosures, or general distress; and 21 WHEREAS, to take advantage of these new types of bonds, the County wishes to 28 29 designate the Route 1 Corridor, as defined in the Route 1 Manual and as shown in the attached Exhibit A, as a Recovery Zone for purposes of the issuance of Recovery Zone Economic 30 31 Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. 1

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
 Maryland this 2 day of Mullen, 2009 that it finds that the Route 1 Corridor, as
 defined in the Route 1 Manual and as shown in the attached Exhibit A, meets the criteria to be a
 Recovery Zone under the IRS Code.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
Maryland, that the Route 1 Corridor, as defined in the Route 1 Manual and as shown in the
attached Exhibit A, is designated as a Recovery Zone for purposes of the issuance of Recovery
Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

