

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2018-18**

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-2018**

**Title of Resolution:** Support - Tax Credit – Plumpton Park Zoo

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to request the Cecil County Delegation to amend the Maryland Annotated Code to allow the Cecil County Council to grant a tax credit to the Plumpton Park Zoo.

**Introduced by:** Vice President Schneckenburger

**Introduced and order posted on:** October 2, 2018

**Consideration scheduled on:** October 16, 2018

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Notice of time title of Resolution having been posted by (Date) at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on (Date).

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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**Support – Tax Credit - Plumpton Park Zoo**

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 9-309 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of  
2 Maryland, the governing body of Cecil County shall grant a property tax credit under this section against  
3 the county property tax for various nonprofit organizations as specified in the regulations; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Plumpton Park Zoo is located at 1416 Telegraph Road in Rising Sun, Maryland,  
5 originally owned and operated by Edward Plumstead in 1985 on his family estate; and

6           **WHEREAS**, this major Cecil County attraction is home to 165 exotic animals and attracts over  
7 85,000 visitors annually; and

8           **WHEREAS**, after Mr. Plumstead closed the zoo in 2010, Nick and Cheryl Lacvara reopened the  
9 Plumpton Park Zoo in 2013 and have upgraded the facility; and

10           **WHEREAS**, while the trustees of Edward C. Plumstead own the 53.494 acres, the Plumpton Park  
11 Zoo has become a nonprofit organization as registered in the State of Maryland; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the continuation of the Plumpton Park Zoo is an economic boost for Cecil County  
13 economy as well as providing free tours to children from Cecil County Public Schools; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Plumpton Park Zoo is supported by a modest admission fee, community  
15 fundraising, and grants; and

16           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
17 **MARYLAND**, that a letter requesting the Cecil County Delegation to support legislation to amend the state  
18 regulations to amend the property tax credits and property tax relief to add the Plumpton Park Zoo to the  
19 list of nonprofit organizations that are exempt from county property tax.

20           **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that the  
21 terms of this property tax exemption be in force as long as the Plumpton Park Zoo remains in operation at  
22 the property of 1416 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, Maryland.

23           **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that a  
24 copy of this legislation be forwarded to members of the Cecil County Delegation.

**INTRODUCED: October 2, 2018**

**ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_**

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

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Council Manager