The Town of Upper Marlboro

RESOLUTION: 2015- 02

SESSION: Regular Town Meeting

DATED: October 13, 2015

RESOLUTION OPPOSING MOVING THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SEAT FROM THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

WHEREAS, the Town of Upper Marlboro (the "Town") has been the Prince George's County Seat since 1721; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is strongly opposed to moving the County Seat from its historic location; and

WHEREAS, the Town, the County and the State have made substantial investments in the County Seat particularly the expanded Prince George's County Justice Center Complex which opened in 1992 and was renovated in 2003**;** and

WHEREAS, recent ambiguous news reports have indicated the County is considering moving the County Seat to the unincorporated place of Largo thereby hindering the Town's efforts to rejuvenate the Town and the County Seat; and

WHEREAS, the common understanding of a County Seat is that it is the town where the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government conduct the affairs of the County; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial question concerning the authority of the County to change the County Seat without the express consent of the General Assembly thereby warranting a legal investigation or opinion of whether home rule county officials may unilaterally remove the County Seat from the Town to another location; and

WHEREAS, changing the County Seat would require an amendment to the County Charter to be approved by the qualified voters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Town Commissioners hereby opposes the moving the County Seat from its historic location, the Town of Upper Marlboro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the County is asked to issue a clear statement concerning the moving of the County Seat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Town and the County make a joint effort to ensure the Town is supported in its efforts to revitalize the Town and the County Seat.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners for The Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland at a regular Town Meeting on October 13, 2015.

ATTEST:

M. David Williams, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

Stephen Sonnett, President

James Storey, Commissioner

Larissa A. Ferrer, Commissioner