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2 **Honoring Jon Arason's Service to the City of Annapolis** – For the purpose of honoring Jon
3 Arason's distinguished service to the City of Annapolis as Director of the Department of
4 Planning and Zoning.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
7 **City of Annapolis**

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9 **Resolution 20-14**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderman Littmann**

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13 **Referred to**
14 **Rules and City Government**

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16 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

17 **Honoring Jon Arason's Service to the City of Annapolis**

18 **FOR** the purpose of honoring Jon Arason's distinguished service to the City of Annapolis as
19 Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning.

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21 **WHEREAS,** Jon Arason received his Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from
22 the University of Virginia and came to the City of Annapolis in 1989 to serve as
23 the Chief of Comprehensive Planning; and

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25 **WHEREAS,** he was promoted to the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning in
26 1996 and was responsible for the administration of a multi-disciplinary, full-
27 service municipal planning and zoning department to include overseeing the
28 approval, permitting and construction of major residential, commercial and
29 mixed-use projects in the City; and

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31 **WHEREAS,** during his tenure as Director spanning several mayoral administrations, Mr.
32 Arason oversaw the preparation and adoption of two Comprehensive Plans for
33 Annapolis, the first one adopted in 1998 and the current Comprehensive Plan
34 adopted in 2009; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** he drafted and was responsible for successfully implementing the Moderately
37 Priced Dwelling Unit (work force housing) laws mandating the provision of
38 affordable housing in new developments; and

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40 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Arason wrote the City's first adequacy of facilities ordinance to ensure that
41 development and redevelopment occurs in concert with the Capital
42 Improvement Program, enables the City to provide adequate public facilities in
43 a timely manner, and achieves the growth objectives of the Comprehensive
44 Plan; and

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46 **WHEREAS,** he has been a historic preservation advocate by establishing the historic
47 preservation planner position within the Department of Planning and Zoning

1 and his efforts were critical to the City receiving designation as a “Preserve
2 America” community in 2005; and
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4 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Arason represented the City on the Baltimore Regional Transportation
5 Board, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, for 27
6 years by bringing the City’s unique perspective to regional planning issues; and
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8 **WHEREAS,** he was appointed and served on the Governor’s land use transition
9 teams in 2006 and 2010; and
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11 **WHEREAS,** the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association honored him with
12 an award for the neighborhood conservation overlay zone written for the
13 Eastport neighborhood in Annapolis and the Outstanding Economic
14 Development project in Maryland for the McNasby’s Oyster Company project;
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17 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Arason received the Excellence in Preservation award from Historic
18 Annapolis Foundation for the BB&T Bank project; and
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20 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Arason received the award for the top smart growth project in Maryland and
21 the International Liveable Communities Gold Award for Acton’s Landing, the
22 redevelopment of the downtown hospital site that was a very complex project
23 requiring extensive coordination between the Planning Commission and the
24 Historic Preservation Commission and significant public outreach.
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26 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that we applaud
27 Mr. Arason’s commitment to the City and citizens of Annapolis and thank him for his many years
28 of honorable service.
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32 **EXPLANATION**

33 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

34 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

35 Underlining indicates amendments.