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2 **City Ownership of Bembe Beach Marina, support for Chesapeake Region Accessible**
3 **Boating's Adaptive Boating Center** - For the purpose of supporting the City's ownership of a
4 marina on Back Creek off Bembe Beach Road, to be purchased as a City-County-State partnership
5 utilizing Program Open Space monies, for use by the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating's
6 (CRAB) Adaptive Boating Center.

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8 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
9 **City of Annapolis**

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11 **Resolution 25-19**

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13 **Introduced by: Alderman Savidge, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Rodriguez,**
14 **Alderman Arnett**

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17 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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19 **City Ownership of Bembe Beach Marina, support for Chesapeake Region Accessible**
20 **Boating's Adaptive Boating Center**

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22 **FOR** the purpose of supporting the City's ownership of a marina on Back Creek off Bembe
23 Beach Road, to be purchased as a City-County-State partnership utilizing Program Open
24 Space monies, for use by the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating's (CRAB) Adaptive
25 Boating Center.

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27 **WHEREAS,** the Maryland General Assembly, thanks to the Anne Arundel County Legislative
28 Delegation, has pledged support of the acquisition, improvement, and use of said
29 property by CRAB, and has authorized \$1,000,000 of State funds to be used in
30 acquiring and improving the property on Bembe Beach Road; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** Anne Arundel County has pledged approximately \$1,500,000 of their own Program
33 Open Space funds in support of the acquisition, improvement, and use of said
34 property for use by CRAB; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** the City has \$1,240,517 in Program Open Space monies available for appropriation
37 in FY2020 for various projects providing for public benefit and will finalize
38 distribution of those funds in its final FY2020 budget; and

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40 **WHEREAS,** the proposed ownership of said property by the City would be in the interest of
41 citizens of Annapolis with mental and physical disabilities, wounded warriors, the
42 elderly, and local children from at-risk communities, whom CRAB has served for
43 the past 28 years; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, for the past 28 years CRAB has enhanced the quality of life for tens of thousands
2 of people who would not otherwise have had access to boating on the Chesapeake
3 Bay; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, CRAB's current base of operations at Sandy Point State Park has become
6 challenging and limiting over the past several years and a search for a better site is
7 in progress; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the two ADA accessible piers the City of Annapolis currently owns do not meet
10 United States Access Board ADA pier standards since they do not extend the full
11 length of the ship, and do not have floating docks that allow access onto boats, and
12 the CRAB Adaptive Boating Center would address this deficiency and provide a
13 wide diversity of accessible boating for people with disabilities; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, CRAB has proven to be a dependable non-profit partner of the State, County, and
16 City and hosts many Group Sailing programs for organizations in the State,
17 including Maryland School for the Blind, Opportunity Builders Inc., Bella Macre,
18 Langton Green, as well as the Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis Police
19 Department's Kids Sailing Camps, and has become an important element of the
20 therapeutic services and community programs offered by these organizations; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis' ownership of said property would ensure that the Marina
23 would remain available for our disabled, elderly, wounded warriors, and at risk
24 residents and would directly serve our taxpayers; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis' ownership of said property would also ensure that the Marina
27 is integrated with nearby parks and communities; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis' ownership of said property would be in keeping with the
30 City's Maritime heritage in the existing Maritime District in Ward 7; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the purchase and ownership of the Bembe Beach Marina by the City of Annapolis
33 would have minimal impact upon Annapolis taxpayers because, if the Marina is
34 leased to CRAB, it would be responsible for improving and maintaining the
35 property for the duration of the lease; and
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Annapolis Maritime Board unanimously passed a motion to "support the
38 concept of an Adaptive Boating Center in the City of Annapolis"; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, ensuring that our underserved Annapolitans with mental and physical disabilities,
41 and children from at-risk communities can enjoy the Chesapeake Bay is essential
42 to building "One Annapolis".
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45 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
46 City of Annapolis allocate of a portion of our Program Open Space acquisition funds to partner

1 with Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland in acquiring the marina property on Back
2 Creek off of Bembe Beach Road, for future use by Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating.

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4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
5 of Annapolis own the marina off of Bembe Beach Road.

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7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that a copy
8 of this Resolution shall be sent to Maryland Governor Hogan, Senator Sarah Elfreth, Delegates
9 Alice Cain and Shaneka Henson, Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-
10 Ricco, and Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman.

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12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
13 resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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15 **EXPLANATION**

16 Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

17 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken from existing law.

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