

**COTTAGE CITY COMMISSION
TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COTTAGE CITY COMMISSION AFFIRMING ITS
SUPPORT FOR A GROCERY STORE AT THE PORT TOWNS SHOPPING CENTER**

WHEREAS, Prince George's County has been labeled a "food desert" by the USDA, meaning its residents do not have sufficient access to groceries or fresh food; and

WHEREAS, a food desert is defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a low-income census tract in which at least 33 percent or a minimum of 500 people live more than a mile from a supermarket or grocery store in urban areas, or 10 miles from a supermarket or grocery store in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, living closer to healthy food retail outlets is associated with better eating habits and decreased risk for obesity and diet-related diseases; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that the most common barrier to eating fruits and vegetables is their cost and the most common way to break down the barrier is access to affordable locally grown fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, increasing the availability and consumption of locally produced fruits and vegetables can improve health outcomes, as well as improve the economic well-being of communities; and

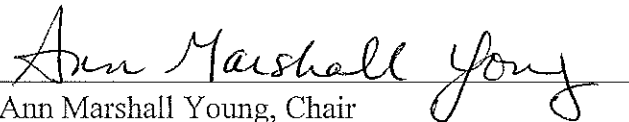
WHEREAS, new and improved healthy food retail outlets in underserved communities creates jobs and helps to revitalize low income neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cottage City Commission endorses promoting the creation of healthy food retail outlets in our community, which will stimulate economic activity and contribute to improved health outcomes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Commission Chair, Ann Marshall Young, is hereby authorized to endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating her approval thereof.

READ AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of June 2019.

BY ORDER of the Commission, I hereby certify that Resolution Number 2019-04 is true and correct and duly adopted by the Cottage City Commission.


Ann Marshall Young, Chair
Town of Cottage City, Maryland