

**Resolution in Opposition to Legislation  
of a Limited Youth Curfew in Montgomery County  
Adopted October 25, 2011**

WHEREAS, all parents want their children to be safe.

WHEREAS, the County Executive, Ike Leggett has proposed a limited curfew aimed at teens “to improve the safety of juveniles, the safety of residents and visitors to our increasingly urbanized communities, and to reduce juvenile-related crimes.”

WHEREAS, there has been a 50% decline in gang-related crime from 2008 to 2011, which shows that current strategies are working without punitive measures. State-wide grants since 2008, after-school programs and supports, and people such as Luiz Cardona, Montgomery County Violence Prevention Coordinator, have demonstrated positive ways of combating gang activity and crime instead of through punitive measures for all such as a curfew.

WHEREAS, laws already exist for police to deal with suspicious behavior. Imposing a law on the entire population of Montgomery County youth when the culprit exists in a small segment of the county is unjustifiable. In addition, the ten exceptions that Mr. Leggett have made it difficult to enforce a limited curfew with consistency (such as when on an errand at the direction of the parent or guardian without any detour or stop until 12:30 a.m.)

THEREFORE, MCCPTA resolves that MCCPTA opposes a youth curfew, yet supports continuing efforts to combat crime through positive prevention programs and supports.