

Resolution No.

Resolution: To authorize the City of Rockville's participation in the Maryland Municipal League's Geocache Trail

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is a member of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by the city and town governments; and

WHEREAS, MML works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of the top industries in the U.S. and Maryland generating jobs and tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, tourists dine, shop, sightsee and seek entertainment in Maryland, and

WHEREAS, Maryland residents make up one third of the state's tourists; and

WHEREAS, MML works to educate citizens about the fact that only 157 place names on the state map are incorporated cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, MML seeks to promote tourism and economic development in Maryland cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, Geocaching is a rapidly growing form of tourism where people use GPS units to find the caches that individuals and organizations have hidden all over the world and then share the information about these caches on the internet; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail will be exclusively composed of caches hidden in Maryland Cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail will be publicized in many ways by MML, the Maryland Geocaching Society, and the Maryland Office of Tourism; and

WHEREAS, VISITORS USING THE Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail will learn about Maryland cities and towns while contributing to their economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Mayor and Council of Rockville will participate in the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail; will work with MML and the Maryland Geocaching Society to locate an appropriate place for our municipality's geocache; will maintain the geocache; and adhere to geocaching standards and procedures.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of September 22, 2008.

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Claire F. Funkhouser, City Clerk