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**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO HOST MAJOR NATIONAL CIVIC
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

*County Leaders Across America to Converge at Gaylord National Resort &
Convention Center for Annual National Association of Counties Conference*

LARGO, MD – The National Association of Counties (NACo) has selected Prince George's County, Maryland as their location for their annual conference to be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in July 2021. The annual meeting brings together county leaders and elected officials from all 50 states to discuss policies and practices, address policymaking and initiatives for advancing public service, and to discuss ways to enrich the public's understanding of county government.

“We are proud of the National Association of Counties’ work to advocate for counties as we continue to respond to this pandemic and provide the critical services that residents are relying on to get by. Because of these efforts many of us have been able to stand up programs to support small businesses, address food insecurity, provide rental assistance and so much more,” said Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. “After a long but highly anticipated return to in-person events, we are excited to invite NACo and all the attendees to social distance here and enjoy the many amenities of Prince George’s County.”

The NACo convention will bring approximately 2,000 attendees to the National Harbor, generating approximately 4,500 room nights and revenue of approximately \$940,000 for July as the first large, hybrid conference in Prince George’s County since the start of the pandemic. The economic impact of this conference will be a significant boost to the small businesses located at the National Harbor waterfront district. All COVID-19 safety protocols and guidance will be adhered to during the conference.

“The Council is extremely pleased that NACo is hosting its 2021 Annual Conference and Exposition here in Prince George’s County,” said Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II. “We look forward to welcoming officials from across the country, virtually and in person, so they may network, share best practices and safely experience all Prince George’s County has to offer. NACo’s decision to relocate the conference to the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center as a hybrid event was a bold one, and I commend our NACo partners for their confidence in the success of Prince George’s County.”

“This is a symbolic time for us to come together through leadership, empowerment and great purpose as we seek to generate and foster discussions and strategies that will be integral for leaders around the nation,” said Leslie W. Graves, President & CEO Experience Prince George’s. “While destinations

across America had to pivot during the pandemic, we are elated that our industry worked steadfast to be in a position to facilitate a meeting of this magnitude. It speaks volumes to the efforts of our county, and tourism and hospitality sector by the vigilance that was required to reach this mark.”

“We look forward to working with Experience Prince George’s and Prince George’s County leaders to host a safe, successful annual conference,” said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. “County leaders nationwide have demonstrated bold leadership throughout the public health and economic crisis over the past year. As we focus on recovery, rebuilding and resilience, our annual conference is a pivotal opportunity for county leaders from across America to connect, learn and advance policies that benefit our residents.”

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