

## **Resolution to Support the 2016 Ballot Question B**

*This resolution to amend the County Charter to limit County Council and County Executive office holders to three consecutive terms, or 12 consecutive years in office passed 10/10/2016.*

Whereas incumbent politicians have enormous advantages in running for office that discourage new candidates, including accumulated finances, a bully pulpit, county resources, and name recognition; and

Whereas the State of Maryland has term limits for the office of Governor; and

Whereas the Maryland counties of Howard, Prince George's, Frederick, St. Mary's, Anne Arundel, Harford, and Baltimore all have term limits; and

Whereas the term limits would encourage new candidates and open the process to people from across the county;

Therefore, the Montgomery County Civic Federation supports term limits for the County Executive and the County Council members as proposed in Question B on the 2016 Ballot.