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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
FDA APPROVAL OF THE DRUG RU-486

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WHEREAS: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that abortion is legal in the United States; and,

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WHEREAS: More than eighty-six percent of all counties in the United States do not have an abortion provider, leaving more than thirty percent of women of reproductive age without access to abortion; and,

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WHEREAS: The approval of the drug RU-486 increases access to abortion to include almost half of all family physicians; and,

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WHEREAS: Over 620,000 women have safely used the drug RU-486 in countries such as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Israel, the Netherlands and Spain; and,

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WHEREAS: The approval of the RU-486 enhances the ability of researchers to study other beneficial uses of the drug, such as the treatment of AIDS and other diseases, as well as for use by men as a contraceptive.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature commends the Food and Drug Administration for its approval of the drug RU-486; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States Congress not to restrict access to the drug.

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