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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE PASSAGE OF MINIMUM LIVING WAGES

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WHEREAS: The minimum wage for the state of Maryland is \$5.15/hour; and,

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WHEREAS: The average person working five days a week, for eight hours a day, would make \$824/month or \$9,888/year; and,

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WHEREAS: The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has dictated that no more than 30% of a person's gross monthly income should be spent on housing; and,

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WHEREAS: The Fair Market Rent in Maryland for a one-bedroom unit is \$645 a month, which would be approximately 78% of a person's monthly income; and,

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WHEREAS: Anyone working a full-time job should be able to afford to live off the streets and provide for their basic needs; and,

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WHEREAS: A Universal Living Wage formula has been developed to determine the minimum wage a person should be receiving to work 40 hours a week and spend no more than 30% of their income on housing; and,

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WHEREAS: Montgomery County has recognized this problem and proposed Act 5-02 to require the payment of all employees contracted by the government a minimum of \$10.50/hour to meet minimum living wage standards.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature praises Councilmember Andrews, Council President Silverman and Councilmembers Ewing, Leggett and Berlage for introducing this legislation and trying to effect change in Montgomery County; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges all counties in the state of Maryland to use the Universal Living Wage Formula and change their minimum wage to that of the minimum living wage for their county.

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MANDATES: Governor Parris N. Glendening
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