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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 AN INCREASED VOTER PARTICIPATION INITIATIVE IN FREDERICK
30 COUNTY, MARYLAND

40 WHEREAS: The right to vote is a fundamental element of democracy and ensures the
50 election of a true representative of the people; and,

60 WHEREAS: Citizens of this country fought tirelessly for the establishment of the right to
70 vote, particularly among women and minorities; and

80 WHEREAS: Since these efforts to institute the right vote, voter participation has not
90 increased and several groups are disproportionately represented at the polls,
100 including the working women, minorities, and student-age eligible voters; and,

110 WHEREAS: The people of this nation have grown apathetic and in general no longer value
120 the importance of voting and/or their right to do so; and,

130 WHEREAS: In Frederick County, Maryland, voter participation in the 2002 Primary and
140 General elections reached all time lows of 25 percent and 55 percent,
150 respectively; and,

220 WHEREAS: This participation is lower than a majority of the other counties in Maryland and
230 over the years the county has experienced declines in voter turnout.

240 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Frederick
250 County Council to institute an initiative to increase voter participation; and,

260 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the initiative include the use of mass mailings to every
270 home, media such as television and radio, and a website devoted solely to this
280 cause; and,

290 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the elected officials of Frederick County are encouraged
300 to actively take part in this initiative; and,

310 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this program be nonpartisan in nature and be
320 monitored by the Frederick County Board of Elections.

330 MANDATES: Governor Parris N. Glendening
340 Congressman Roscoe Bartlett
350 Mayor of Frederick, MD Jennifer Dougherty

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