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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
20 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE STATE OF  
30 MARYLAND

40 WHEREAS: The state proposed budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 makes a \$37 million cut in  
50 the budget for higher education in the state of Maryland, and,

60 WHEREAS: The State of Maryland's 2002-2003 fiscal budget cut \$67 million from higher  
70 education in the state, and,

80 WHEREAS: The University of Maryland Board of Regents approved of a 4% mid year  
90 tuition increase, during January 2003, to go into effect immediately for all  
100 schools in the Maryland Higher Education system except for Coppin State and  
110 the University of Maryland, University College, and,

120 WHEREAS: In a 1992 case, New Hampshire's Supreme Court ruled that a midyear tuition  
130 increase was permissible for the University of New Hampshire Higher  
140 Education System because universities had alerted most students two months in  
150 advance; and,

160 WHEREAS: The court ruled that some students who hadn't been notified that far in advance  
170 didn't need to pay the higher rate. In Maryland, the time between the  
180 announcement and the increase was two weeks, and,

190 WHEREAS: During the summer of 2002, the Board of Regents approved of a tuition increase  
200 of 5% to take effect for the fall 2003 semester, and,

210 WHEREAS: The total of these two increases, in addition to other fee increases at each public  
220 university, students will be forced to pay over 11% more than what they had to  
230 pay a year ago.

240 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General  
250 Assembly to protect to budgets of the Maryland Higher Education System, and  
260 not make any additional cuts from the system's budget; and,

270 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General  
280 Assembly and the Maryland Board of Regents to re-examine its current system  
290 of authorizing tuition increases to reflect a maximum increase of only 5% per  
300 fiscal year maximum.

310 MANDATES: Governor Robert Ehrlich  
320 Senate members, Maryland General Assembly  
330 House of Delegate members, Maryland General Assembly  
340 Maryland Board of Regents

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