

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED MARYLAND
30 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT RESOLUTION OF 2003

- 40 WHEREAS: According to the Department of Legislative Services current spending in
50 Maryland includes, \$1.17B or 5.4% on public safety, corrections and state
60 police; \$179M or 0.8% on the Juvenile Justice System; \$373M or 1.7% on the
70 Judicial System; \$3.494B or 16.1% on Higher Education; and \$4B or 22% on
80 Health and Mental Hygiene (most of which is spent for poorer residents on
90 Medicaid); and,
- 100 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland State Police, in the 1990's Maryland's per capita
110 spending on Public Safety, Corrections and State police grew by 100%, four
120 times that of Higher Education spending; and,
- 130 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland State Police, in 2001 it cost Maryland taxpayers \$44
140 per day per prisoner to house all 24,000 prisoners; a total that comes to be
150 roughly \$386M; and,
- 160 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland Legislative Committee, in 1998 Maryland spent
170 \$67.8M on welfare and in 2002 spent \$124M; an 82% increase in just 4 years;
180 and,
- 190 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in the
200 year 2000 Maryland taxpayers spent \$2M on 2,575 abortions coming out to be
210 approximately \$775 per abortion; and,
- 220 WHEREAS: According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, drugs alone in Baltimore
230 City has an economic cost of \$2.5B per year, while the entire state of Maryland
240 is realizing a \$1.7B deficit; and,
- 250 WHEREAS: According to the 2000 US Census, the National average on those 25 years or
260 older having a high school diploma is 80.4%, State average is 83.8%, Baltimore
270 County is 84.3%, Anne Arundel County is 86.4%, Howard County is 93.1% and
280 Baltimore City is just 68.4%; and,
- 290 WHEREAS: According to the 2000 US Census, the National average on those 25 years and
300 older with a Bachelors degree or higher is 24.4%, State average is 31.4%,
310 Baltimore County average is 30.6%, Anne Arundel County average is 30.6%,
320 Howard County is 52.9% and Baltimore City is 19.1%; and,
- 330 WHEREAS: According to the 2000 US Census, the National average household income was
340 \$41,994, State average is \$52,868, Baltimore County is \$50,667, Anne Arundel
350 County is \$61,768, Howard County is \$74,167 and Baltimore City is \$30,078;
360 and,
- 370 WHEREAS: According to the 2000 US Census, the National average of those living below
380 the poverty line is 12.4%, State is 8.5%, Baltimore County is 6.5%, Anne
390 Arundel County is 5.1%, Howard County is 3.9% and Baltimore City is 22.9%;
400 and,
- 410 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland State Police, the incarceration rate for those of lower
420 income is seven times that of those with a higher income; and,

430 WHEREAS: According to the FBI, Baltimore City suffers 9 times more murders than its three
440 most populous neighbors; Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County and Howard
450 County combined and also according to the DEA Baltimore residents needing
460 drug treatment is double that of the national average and is the most heroin
470 plagued area in the nation; and,

480 WHEREAS: According to the DEA, in 1998 50% of all illegal drug visits to the ER in
490 Baltimore City were a result of heroin overdose; from 1994-1998 Baltimore was
500 triple the national average in illegal drug ER visits; in 1999 more Baltimore
510 residents died of drug overdose (324) than homicide (309); in the year 2000
520 Baltimore had the highest per-capita heroin use in the nation; an estimated one
530 out of 10 Baltimoreans was a drug addict; and,

540 WHEREAS: According to Anne Arundel County Police there were 4 homicides in AA
550 county in 1999; also according to Howard County Police there were 4 homicides
560 in Howard County in 1999 and according to Baltimore County Police there were
570 15 homicides in the county in 1999; all compared to 309 in the city; and,

580 WHEREAS: According to the 2000 Maryland Adolescent Survey, 5500 8th and 10th graders
590 were polled and ALL 5500 admitted to being drunk at least once in their
600 lifetime; 3030 admitted to currently using marijuana; 875 crack and 275 heroin
610 and according the DEA the use of marijuana and heroin among Baltimore's
620 youth has been consistently higher than the national average; and,

630 WHEREAS: According to the FBI, in 1998 Baltimore City's overall crime rate was twice that
640 of the national average; Baltimore's overall crime rate was 2/3 higher than any
650 other major US city and in violent crime Baltimore had a 200% higher rate;
660 Baltimore also realized a 3500% higher murder rate; according to the FBI, by
670 the year 2000 Washington DC was the only city that passed Baltimore
680 fractionally in the murder rate; by the year 2001 Baltimore city was 12 times the
690 national average in overall crime; and,

700 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene an
710 abortion can cause clinical depression, increased risk of suicide, and a number of
720 other physical and psychological ailments; an unwanted pregnancy also causes
730 an economic burden to those involved; and,

740 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in the
750 year 2001, 99.56% of all taxpayer funded abortions were performed under the
760 "mental health" loophole; and,

770 WHEREAS: According to the Department of Legislative Services, in FY2000 those states
780 that do not have the "mental health" loophole; PA spent \$41,500 for 54
790 abortions, WV spent \$212,000 for 619 abortions, VA spent \$100,000 for 100
800 abortions, DE spent \$35,000 for 31 abortions while Maryland spent \$2,000,000
810 for 2,575 abortions, more than those other states combined; and,

820 WHEREAS: According to Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, in 1999 the
830 Baltimore Metro Area's abortions statistics broke down as follows; Baltimore
840 City, 2888; Baltimore County, 1485; Anne Arundel, 603; Carroll, 117; Howard,
850 224; and Harford, 235; the total general population of the Baltimore Metro area
860 is 2,512,431; Baltimore City comprising 26% of that population, but making up
870 51% of total number of abortions; and,

880 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, in the
890 year 2000 the abortion rates in the Baltimore Metro area broke down as follows;
900 Metro average, 168.4/1000; Baltimore City, 296.1/1000; Baltimore County,
910 162.8/1000; Anne Arundel County, 93.9/1000; Carroll County, 61.2/1000;
920 Howard County, 65.2/1000; and Harford County, 115.5/1000.

930 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland
940 General Assembly, Baltimore City Administration and City Council to consider
950 the implementation of the proposed Maryland Community Investment
960 Resolution of 2003; first as a trial in Baltimore city where residents show the
970 most need, for (6) years and then after a report of progress being made enact the
980 resolution statewide thereafter; and,

990 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: A qualifying person is one who maintains no criminal offenses,
1000 no drug usage, who does not become pregnant out of wedlock and who is a legal
1010 United States resident and who earns either less than \$30,000 per year federal
1020 AGI or is someone who meets all above qualifications and is a dependent upon
1030 someone who earns less than \$30,000 per year federal AGI and meets all other
1040 qualifications; and,

1050 BE IT FURTHER RESOLEVD: Anyone wishing to prove their qualifications must submit to a
1060 drug test administered by the state at their own cost; any infraction of these
1070 qualifications would result in the COMPLETE TERMINATION of public
1080 assistance benefits set up by this resolution; no benefits will be awarded until
1090 persons are deemed qualified by the state; and,

1100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Those currently using drugs who wish to seek treatment to
1110 qualify for the program set up by this resolution may do so free of charge at any
1120 state recognized clinic; and,

1130 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: With the exception of Medicaid, all public assistance
1140 programs be capped at \$500 per month per household; and,

1150 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Any person receiving any kind of public assistance must be
1160 drug screened once per month in order to continue the possibility of receiving
1170 benefits; any person found with drugs in their system would be required to
1180 submit to a test within (5) days of positive test results for a confirmation and if
1190 the person again receives a positive test result they are to lose all public
1200 assistance privileges until the successful completion of a drug treatment program
1210 set up by the state and subsequently deemed qualified for any public assistance;
1220 and,

1230 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED: Those citizens currently receiving public assistance without a
1240 high school diploma, in order to continue to receive benefits must enroll, attend
1250 and subsequently graduate from a high school already set up by the state free of
1260 charge; any person missing (7) days from the high school program in any
1270 calendar year without the proper doctors report, etc. will be immediately
1280 removed from any possibility of receiving public assistance privileges until
1290 deemed qualified by the state; and,

1300 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: A government task force be created with the appropriate
1310 resources determined by the appropriations committee in order to do undercover
1320 and disguised investigations into fraud, misuse and otherwise illegal activity
1330 with businesses and persons on public assistance; those businesses found to be
1340 in Violation of the law will be forced to pay a \$10,000 fine for each infraction;
1350 and,

1360 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: No abortions be funded by the taxpayers of Maryland except
1370 in the cases of those demonstrating a financial need and have gotten pregnant
1380 through no fault of their own; or if the physical health of the mother and/or baby
1390 is in question by a licensed health professional saving the state roughly
1400 \$2,000,000 per year; and,

1410 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Anyone wishing not to have a child may give that child up for
1420 adoption and receive a \$250 tax free bonus, those adopting the child from a
1430 qualifying parent(s) will receive a 5% reduction in total state income taxes for
1440 the first year of adoption and the (4) proceeding years thereafter; a \$500 dollar
1450 tax free bonus is given to any qualifying female student who graduates high
1460 school without becoming pregnant through no fault of her own; and,

1470 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Any Maryland public school teacher or administrator devoting
1480 at least (10) recorded hours per week of tutoring and mentoring to any
1490 qualifying student or family will receive a 5% reduction in total state income
1500 taxes; local businesses setting up at least (3) workshops and/or seminars per
1510 academic year in city public schools will receive a \$10,000 deduction for
1520 business purchases; any businesses who hire at least 10% of their employees or
1530 at least 100 employees out of this system be given a 2% reduction in total state
1540 income taxes with a cap of \$10,000; and,

1550 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Those students of families that qualify to participate in the
1560 program set up by this resolution; persons in High School who graduate with a
1570 cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and are in good standing with this program's
1580 guidelines will receive their first (60) credits and any other higher education
1590 expenses at a Maryland community college free of charge; parent(s) of those
1600 students who qualify will receive a tax free \$500 dollar bonus; a qualifying
1610 student who is valedictorian of his/her high school class will receive a \$5,000
1620 tax free bonus and the parent(s) of said student would receive a \$2,500 tax free
1630 bonus; those qualifying students who have passed their first (60) credits with a
1640 cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher, and are still in good standing with this
1650 resolutions guidelines would receive their next (60) credits and any related
1660 expenses at any Maryland institution of higher learning free of charge; and,

1670 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Those attending a High School set up by the state to continue
1680 to receive their public assistance and who are in good standing with this
1690 resolution's guidelines, who receive their diploma with a cumulative GPA of 2.5
1700 or higher will be eligible take part in an education program set up through
1710 Maryland's institutions of higher learning while still earning public assistance as
1720 long as they qualify.; and,

1730 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Any Maryland institution of higher learning who offers full
1740 scholarships, with a cap of \$10M per year, to students coming out of the high
1750 school program to ensure the receipt of public assistance, will receive a 50%
1760 deduction in total state income taxes for every dollar given with a cap of \$5M in
1770 relief for any business related expenses; any institution of higher learning
1780 classified as a Community College may also take part in the tax credit however
1790 no cap will be administered; and,

1800 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Any federal money, grants or any revenue currently being
1810 received by the state from the federal government for the purposes of state or
1820 local public assistance programs be re-administered to fund this program
1830 without any increase in the amount of funds received from the federal
1840 government as of FY2003.

1850 MANDATES: Governor Robert Ehrlich
1860 Mayor Martin O'Malley
1870 Senate President Thomas Miller
1880 House Speaker Michael Busch
1890 House Majority Leader Kumar Barve
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