

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 OFFICIALLY WELCOMING THE V-DAY MOVEMENT INTO THE STATE
30 AND DECLARING THE STATE OF MARYLAND A RAPE FREE ZONE

40 WHEREAS: "V-Day" is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls for
50 which annual theatrical and artistic events are produced around the world to
60 raise money and to transform consciousness generating a broader attention for
70 the fight to stop worldwide violence against women and girls; and

80 WHEREAS: Violence against women does not distinguish between class, race, age or
90 locality; and,

100 WHEREAS: Women are beaten in back alleys, plush hotel suites, college dorms
110 high-rise apartments and trailer parks; and,

120 WHEREAS Women are sold into sexual slavery, burned with acids and mutilated as little
130 girls; and

140 WHEREAS: In 2000, 1,543 forcible rapes occurred in Maryland; and,

150 WHEREAS: The money raised through "V-Day" and on its behalf, is directly donated to
160 grassroots, national and international organizations and programs that work to
170 end rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM) and sexual slavery;
180 and

190 WHEREAS: "V-Day" showcases the creativity of women through theatrical events and
200 performances, "The Vagina Monologues" being at the centerpiece of these
210 events.

220 THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges Governor Ehrlich
230 and the state of Maryland to welcome campaigns to end violence against women
240 like the Vagina Monologues; and,

250 THEREFORE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges
260 Governor Ehrlich to declare Maryland a rape free zone.

270 MANDATES: Governor Robert Ehrlich
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