

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY IN MARYLAND COLLEGES

- 30 WHEREAS: The United States census defines a work disability as any condition that limits
40 the kind or amount of work a person can do or that prevents them from
50 working; and,
- 60 WHEREAS: The mean earnings of year-round, full time workers ages 16 to 74 with a work
70 disability was \$33, 877; and,
- 80 WHEREAS: This was more then \$7,000 dollars less than those without work disability; and,
- 90 WHEREAS: In the year 2000, only eleven percent of people with work disabilities had earned
100 a college degree; and,
- 110 WHEREAS: In the 2000 census, it was found that 38.3 of disabled Maryland residents are
120 currently unemployed; and,
- 130 WHEREAS: The 2000 census also found that approximately one in five people are disabled;
140 and,
- 150 WHEREAS Only twenty six percent of the United States population with a severe disability
160 is employed in a regular job; and,
- 170 WHEREAS: The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 defines a public accommodation to
180 include "a wide range of entities, such as restaurants, hotels, theaters, doctors
190 offices, pharmacies, retail stores, museums, libraries, parks, day care center,
200 and private schools; and,
- 210 WHEREAS: Maryland colleges are often missing forms of handicap accessibility in many
220 of their buildings; and,
- 230 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That all Maryland colleges and universities adhere to the
240 standards set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and,
- 250 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all Maryland institutions of higher education become
260 available to every individual in an effort to promote equal opportunity of
270 education.
- 280 MANDATES: Governor Robert Ehrlich
290 Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.
300 Speaker of the House of Delegates Michael E. Busch

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