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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THE QUESTION**
20 **OF RACE ON COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS**
30 **APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN MARYLAND**

40 **WHEREAS:** When the question of race is asked on college admissions applications, it is
50 likely that it will become a deciding factor for whether or not an individual is
60 accepted into the university; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Using race as a factor is a racist and discriminatory policy; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Decisions should be rendered based on merits, not the pigmentation of one's
90 skin; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Race isn't the reason poorer children from the city need more assistance –
110 socioeconomic levels are the reason; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** A White or Asian child from the inner city is just as disadvantaged as a Black or
130 Latino, but do not receive extra consideration; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** The implication is that being poor is not a disadvantage, but being Black or
150 Latino is; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Most schools have adopted an affirmative action policy because of the many
170 complaints that minorities have brought forth; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** Unfortunately, such a policy does not end racism in this country; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** The basis of affirmative action is to judge people based on their color, which is,
200 of course, the definition of racism; and,

210 **WHEREAS:** Affirmative action, government recognition and selection based on race, has
220 instilled in minorities a stigmatization that equates their own race with academic
230 failure; and,

240 **WHEREAS:** In Gratz v. Bollinger, the Supreme Court struck down the point system used by
250 the University of Michigan which prohibits all undergraduate colleges from
260 allotting extra points solely based on the color of an applicants skin; and,

270 **WHEREAS:** Eliminating the question of race will ensure the Supreme Court decision
280 rendered will be followed and enforced; and,

290 **WHEREAS:** The only way to be fair to everyone is to abandon affirmative action and all
300 quotas, and most importantly, erase the race classification on applications.

310 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Maryland Student Legislature urges the
320 Maryland General Assembly to create legislation to remove the question of race,
330 since public universities in Maryland use it as a factor in admitting applicants to
340 their school; and,

350 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The proposal to eliminate the question of race on
360 college admission applications for public universities in Maryland be listed as a
370 referendum on ballots.

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