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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A BAN ON ASEXUAL HUMAN CLONING

- 20 **WHEREAS:** “Human Cloning” means human asexual reproduction accomplished by
30 introducing the nuclear material of one or more human somatic cells into a
40 fertilized or unfertilized oocyte whose nucleus has been or will be removed or
50 inactivated to produce a living organism at any stage of development with a
60 human or predominantly human genetic constitution; and,
- 70 **WHEREAS:** As the technology for human cloning has emerged but has not been tested for
80 long-term effects; and,
- 90 **WHEREAS:** The risks of genetic abnormalities as a result of the cloning process have not yet
100 been fully explored as the technology is still recent; and,
- 110 **WHEREAS:** The cloning of a human being has the potential to impact negatively on the
120 emotional health of a community; and,
- 130 **WHEREAS:** There is a great potential for risk with this technology that it will be abused; and,
- 140 **WHEREAS:** Human cloning technology has the potential to be problematic to society and
150 should not be allowed to be practiced.
- 160 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
170 Maryland House of Delegates to pass House Bill 481 (Human Cloning
180 Prohibition Act of 2004) as quickly as possible; and,
- 190 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland
200 Senate to pass Senate Bill 472 (Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2004) as
210 quickly as possible; and,
- 220 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature supports all criminal
230 punishments set forth in the act and hopes that they will be enforced utmost
240 extent of the law.
- 250 **MANDATES:** Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch
260 President of the Senate Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.,
270 Delegate George W. Owings, III
280 Senator Andrew P. Harris

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