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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

20 **WHEREAS:** Our society has a high level of personal crime; and,

30 **WHEREAS:** Our society has few features built around engendering a sense of
40 Community; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** It is more and more common that individuals within a community exist
60 cut off from one another; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Communal bonds would engender a sense of loyalty and kinship amongst
80 Neighbors; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The United States has several National secular holidays; and

100 **WHEREAS:** These holidays were traditionally celebrated with community based
110 observances; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** Crime has risen in the United States as the “small town” lifestyle with
130 which such observances are associated has died off; and,
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150 **WHEREAS:** Societies which maintain such a traditional sense of community have
160 lower rates of personal crime; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** Such events and observances could be funded by donations as such
180 efforts surrounding the Fourth of July remain successful in many communities.
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200 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
210 Maryland General Assembly to investigate the possibility of creating community
220 centered initiatives; and,
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240 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That these initiatives be conducted by volunteers as
250 organized by county and town councils; and,
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270 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That these initiatives manifest in the form of community
280 celebrations, decoration, and events surrounding National Observances such as
290 Thanksgiving Day, New Years Day, May Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, The Fourth
300 of July, Labor Day, Halloween, and Veterans Day; and,

310 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That these initiatives actively seek to engage youth in
320 safe, educational, and celebratory ways.

330 **MANDATES:** Governor Robert Ehrlich
340 Lt. Governor Michael Steele
350 Senator Mike Miller
360 Speaker Michael Busch
370 Senator Phil Jimeno
380 Delegate O’Donnell
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