

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

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

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

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

110 **WHEREAS:** Race isn't the reason poorer children from the city need more  
120 assistance- class is; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

290 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature  
300 urges the Maryland General Assembly to create legislation to  
310 eliminate the racist policies that public universities in Maryland  
320 use as a factor in admitting applicants to their school; and,

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

360 **MANDATES:** Governor Robert Ehrlich  
370 Lt. Governor Michael Steele  
380 Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller  
390 House Speaker Michael Busch  
400 USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan  
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