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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM THAT WILL REDUCE THE USE OF CHLORINE AND**
30 **CHLORINE-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS**

40 **WHEREAS:** Toxic chlorine-based organic chemicals have contaminated the global environment and
50 caused widespread damage to human health and the ecosystem; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** The Clean Water Act authorized the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a
70 strategy to substitute, reduce, or prohibit the use of chlorine-containing compounds; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Intense lobbying by the chemical industry to enact voluntary measures has nullified these
90 efforts.

100 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature calls for a widespread
110 approach to organochloride pollution by implementing the policy that any chemical that
120 may cause harm should not be discharged into the environment at any level; and,

130 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That, included in this policy, is the implementation of a Chlorine phase
140 out with an established transition fund to ensure that workers and communities do not
150 bear the economic burden of the transformation to a non-toxic economy.

160 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
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