

R039-0506

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF THE GREAT STATE OF MARYLAND**

30 **WHEREAS:** Baltimore Circuit Court Judge M. Brooke Murdock presided over a lawsuit brought by
40 the American Civil Liberties Union; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** This lawsuit sought to alter the laws of the great State of Maryland by asking Judge
60 Murdock to rule unconstitutional the democratically drafted marriage laws; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Judge Murdock unilaterally ruled our laws defunct and decided to create her own
80 legislation from the bench by declaring our marriage laws unconstitutional; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Anyone who reads the Constitution of the great State of Maryland can clearly see that
100 same-sex marriage is not an enumerated right; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Such an action by the Judiciary is an affront to democracy and flies in the face of
120 everything we hold dear in these United States of America; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** The Honorable Murdock's decision has created a firestorm within Maryland as it
140 threatens to tear our democratic State apart at its very seams; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** Our elected Delegates and Senators have an obligation to respect the wishes of their
160 populace and govern in a way that represents each representatives district; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** The process of amending the constitution of the great State of Maryland starts with the
180 General Assembly sending the amendment to the people and the people then
190 democratically choosing for themselves if they think the amendment is a good idea or a
200 flawed idea; and,

210 **WHEREAS:** A decision as important as marriage must be decided by the people and not by some
220 activist Judge who has slithered his or her way into the Judiciary branch of our
230 Government.

240 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the the Maryland
250 General Assembly to keep with the democratic traditions of this nation; and,

260 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General
270 Assembly to draft, pass, and send to the people of Maryland a constitutional amendment
280 which would define marriage as being between one man and one woman.

290 **MANDATES:** Governor Ehrlich
300 Lt. Governor Steele
310 House Speaker Busch
320 President of the Senate Mike V. Miller

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