**R006-0607**

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF LITTERING LAWS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS:** Littering is considered a form of environmental degradation which the State of Maryland is supposed to enforce under current law.

**WHEREAS:** The Maryland *Annotated Code, Article 23A – Corporations – Municipal: In General: §3. Violations of Ordinances and Restrictions* notes that littering on public land can result in a one thousand dollar ($1,000.00) fine for each littering infraction.

**WHEREAS:** Private signs in the State of Maryland are currently prohibited from publicly held land. Signs erected by the State of Maryland are for a public good such as for safety reasons, while signs erected by private citizens are not sanctioned under the law.

**WHEREAS:** Business signs, political campaign signs and other non-public signs fall under the auspices of the legislation and are considered littering.

**WHEREAS:** The citizens of Maryland should be guaranteed the right to a litter free environment. The State of Maryland has been in breach of its social contract for its failure to evenly enforce the littering laws of the State.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Governor, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the State Highway Administration, and the county and municipal governments throughout the State to enforce the littering laws of the State of Maryland.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature encourages the State of Maryland to enforce this law during the next statewide election cycle.

**MANDATES:** Governor Martin O'Malley.
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