

**R023-0607**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED AND THE**  
20     **DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND**

30     **WHEREAS:**     It has been shown throughout history, as well as in the origins of the United  
40                     States of America, that people have the right of self-determination, or to  
50                     establish a form of government which they deem most suitable; and,

60     **WHEREAS:**     That the right to abolish and reestablish a government is a right enumerated in  
70                     the Declaration of Independence and granted in the Maryland Declaration of  
80                     Rights; and,

90     **WHEREAS:**     The Eastern Shore is a common usage name that is used to describe the counties  
100                    located on the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay and from the north boundary  
110                    of Cecil County; and,

120    **WHEREAS:**     Many on Maryland's Eastern Shore feel that the government in Annapolis is no  
130                    longer truly representative of their interests and in some cases there is blatant  
140                    disregard for the wishes of those people; and,

150    **WHEREAS:**     Many people also see a dim hope in the future for the representation of the  
160                    Shore due to population dynamics; and,

170    **WHEREAS:**     Historically, the Eastern Shore has a distinct culture decidedly different than that  
180                    of the rest of Maryland, but Governance in Maryland has significantly eroded  
190                    that culture.

200    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland  
210                    General Assembly to call for a referendum to be held in 2008 to determine the  
220                    wishes of the peoples of the Eastern Shore; and,

230    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature recommends that the  
240                    Maryland General Assembly and the United States Congress allow for the  
250                    democratic desires of the electorate of the Shore and grant it the opportunity to  
260                    establish a government of its own desire.

270    **MANDATES:**     Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid  
280                    House Speaker Nancy Pelosi  
290                    Senate President Thomas "Mike" Miller  
300                    Speaker of the House Michael Busch  
310                    Eastern Shore Delegation

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