

R037-0607

10 **RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF LITTERING LAWS ON**
20 **MERCHANDISERS AND FREE PAPERS**

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

70 **WHEREAS:** In many municipalities and communities in The State of Maryland, businesses distribute
80 merchandisers and free papers by pitching them on the lawns and porches of residents of
90 Maryland; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Many of these residents never consent to having these papers distributed on their property
110 and don't know how to stop from having these papers deposited on their property; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** There are alternatives to just throwing these papers on lawns and porches, such as mail
130 boxes designated for free papers and merchandisers; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** When residents aren't aware of these papers on their property they may pose potential
150 damage to lawn mowers and other lawn maintenance equipment; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** These free papers and merchandisers have the potential to cause overall unattractiveness
170 of private citizens' residences and for a time they may not have the ability to be aware of
180 these free papers on their property; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** The distributing of these free papers and merchandisers could have potential negative
200 health effects to both animals and humans.

210 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the State of Maryland
220 to enforce the littering laws of the State of Maryland in references to Merchandisers and
230 free papers on private property.

240 **MANDATES:** Governor Martin J. O'Malley
250 Lt. Governor Anthony Brown
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