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**10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND SECESSION**

20 **WHEREAS:** Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States of America  
30 (Constitution) lists those few powers granted to the federal government; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** The tenth amendment to the Constitution clearly states that all powers not  
50 delegated to the federal government of the United States of America (USA),  
60 nor prohibited to the States by Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution, are  
70 reserved for the States respectively, or to the people; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Nowhere in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution is it granted to the federal  
90 government the power to coerce a State into remaining a member of the USA  
100 against the will of the State; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Nowhere in Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution are the States prohibited  
120 from seceding from the USA; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** No denial of the power of the various States to secede from the USA, a  
140 power held by every U.S. State under the powers reserved to the States under  
150 the tenth amendment, has been enacted by further amendment to the  
160 Constitution; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** The USA is endangering every Maryland citizen through employing an  
180 aggressive foreign policy; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** There is no reason to believe terrorists who wish to attack the USA would  
200 have any desire to attack the citizens of Maryland were Maryland a  
210 sovereign, independent State, just as they see no need to attack such States as  
220 Switzerland; and,

230 **WHEREAS:** The taxation that citizens of Maryland are currently forced to pay to the  
240 federal government of the USA is higher than the taxation citizens of  
250 Maryland were forced to pay to Great Britain at the time the colony of  
260 Maryland seceded from Great Britain; and,

270 **WHEREAS:** The rights of citizens are being constantly infringed upon, and the Liberty of  
280 the citizens of Maryland is constantly being usurped, by the government of  
290 the USA through such illegal regulations as the USA PATRIOT Act;

300 The REAL ID Act, which will impose burdensome and costly federal  
310 regulations on the driver licenses of Marylanders which Maryland is wholly  
320 unprepared to handle;

330 The federal government's insistence that medical marijuana patients in  
340 Maryland are criminals despite Maryland having legalized medical  
350 marijuana;

360 The censorship of the media in Maryland by the Federal Communications  
370 Commission, in stark opposition to the word and spirit of the first  
380 amendment to the Constitution;

390 The passing of control over the currency Marylanders are compelled to use  
400 to the Federal Reserve that, through inflationary practices, continually  
410 devalues the worth of said currency, thus making Maryland residents poorer;  
420 and

430 The enactment of tariffs and other trade restrictions that inevitably hurt the  
440 economy of Maryland; and,

450 **WHEREAS:** Secession is an American tradition; indeed, without it, the USA would not  
460 have come into existence; and,

470 **WHEREAS:** The Declaration of Independence tells us that “whenever any Form of  
480 Government becomes destructive of [the ends of protecting the Life, Liberty,  
490 and Property of its inhabitants], it is the Right of the People to alter or to  
500 abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such  
510 principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem  
520 most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness”;

530 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Maryland hereby secedes from the USA; and,

540 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Maryland shall no longer be held to any  
550 agreements made with foreign nations by the government of the USA; and,

560 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Maryland relinquishes its seats in the U.S.  
570 Congress; and,

580 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That citizens of Maryland shall have no restrictions  
590 on trade with foreign governments or their subjects, including the USA,  
600 except as restricted by an act of the Maryland General Assembly.

610 **MANDATES:** Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland  
620 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates  
630 Kumar P. Barve, Majority leader of the Maryland House of Delegates  
640 Anthony J. O’Donnell, Minority leader of the Maryland House of Delegates  
650 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Maryland Senate  
660 Edward J. Kasemeyer, Majority leader of the Maryland Senate  
670 David R. Brinkley, Minority leader of the Maryland Senate

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