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A RESOLUTION CONERNING LANGUAGE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND

WHEREAS: Eighty eight percent of people in the state of Maryland speak English as their primary language.

WHEREAS: Making English the official language of Maryland would seriously cut down the costs to the state and corporations when they have to print bilingual signs.

WHEREAS: Millions of people cannot find good-paying jobs, because they lack the ability to speak English with customers, co-workers or employers.

WHEREAS: Making an official language will not stop Maryland from being a multinationa state; instead under an official language will make Maryland a stronger union because everyone will be able to easier express their national heritage to others.

WHEREAS: Establishing English as the official language can also aid in creating English education programs offered to those who do not already speak it; these programs would do nothing but aid in a citizens' chances of success in society.

WHEREAS: Establishing English as the official language does not mean the end of foreign languages in the homes, schools or society of our state.

WHEREAS: English as an official language does not need to harm diversity but can act as a powerful tool to aid non-English speakers in their own search for life, liberty and pursuit of happiness in the United States

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation, and governor O'Malley sign legislation that makes English the official language of the state of Maryland.

MANDATES: Martin O'Malley, Governor
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