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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **THE ABOLITION OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

30 **WHEREAS:** The concept of sovereign immunity is archaic, and has no more place in a
40 modern legal system than the concept of the divine right of kings; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The government derives its power from the consent of the people. Therefore,
60 they can not have more rights than the people they rule are able to have; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Many persons in public office are never made to make amends for various
80 abuses and usurpations; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** For example, Nixon was pardoned from all punishment regarding the
100 Watergate Scandal: and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The Federal Government has gotten away with more pollution than any
120 business or individual. This is because lawsuits against the polluting government (notably
130 the Department of Defense) have been prevented on the grounds that the Federal
140 Government has sovereign immunity.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Maryland Student Legislature recommends that the Federal
 Government
160 dissolve its claim to sovereign immunity effective 1 January 2010.

170 **MANDATES:** Governor Martin J. O'Malley Jr.
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