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**A RESOLUTION CONCENING THE RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON WITHOUT A PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**: Presently, in the state of Maryland, it is extremely difficult to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon; and,

**WHEREAS**: Many persons without a criminal background are denied these permits; and,

**WHEREAS:** The second amendment of the Constitution of the United States declares that the right of the people to keep and bear arms "shall not be infringed"; and,

**WHEREAS:** Violent criminals target and prey upon those they perceive as weak; and,

**WHEREAS:** Violent crime rates typically decrease in states that have legalized the carrying of concealed weapons.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: The Maryland Student Legislature recommends to state of Maryland that it legalizes the carrying of concealed weapons for all citizens not currently serving time in prison;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: That this mandate applies solely to public property and public institutions, so that private owners may still require patrons to cease carrying weapons while on their private property.

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