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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND'S DRINKING AGE**

20 **WHEREAS:** Upon reaching the age of 18, individuals are considered legal adults; and,

30 **WHEREAS:** Upon reaching the age of 18, individuals are allowed to purchase firearms,
40 pornography, lottery tickets, and tobacco products; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Upon reaching the age of 18, individuals are allowed to enter into a marriage
60 contract; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Most other nations have drinking ages of 18 or a graduated system for the
80 consumption of alcohol; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Access to alcohol is readily available for those who wish to obtain it; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Revenue from increased alcohol sales will have a positive benefit on the
110 citizens of the great state of Maryland; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** Upon reaching the age of 18, individuals are allowed to vote for their elected
130 officials and eligible to join the armed forces of the United States of America;
140 and,

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges
160 that the legal age for consuming alcoholic beverages in the great state of
170 Maryland categorized as beer and wine be reduced from 21 to 18 for any
180 individual that signs up to be eligible for selective service with the United
190 States military.

200 **MANDATES:** Martin O'Malley, Governor
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