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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **FREDERICK DOUGLAS MEMORIAL DAY**

30 **WHEREAS:** Frederick Douglass, one of Maryland’s most distinguished
40 resident, holding several important positions including: President
50 of the Reconstruction-era Freedman’s savings bank, Marshal of
60 the District of Columbia, minister-resident and counsel general to
70 the Republic of Haiti, and charge d’ affaires for the Dominican
80 Republic, member of American Anti-Slavery Society,
90 Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, he was also a signatory of the
100 declaration of sentiments; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** in his lifetime he published 3 autobiographies including *Narrative*
120 *of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, which was
130 published in 1845, *My Bondage and My Freedom* published in
140 1855, and *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass* in 1892, and he
150 became the publisher of a series of newspapers: *The North Star*,
160 *Frederick Douglass Weekly*, *Frederick Douglass’ Paper*, *Douglass*
170 *Monthly*, and *New National Era*; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, who later became known
190 as Frederick Douglass, was born a slave in Talbot County,
200 Maryland, near Hillsboro.

210 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the recognition of Frederick Douglass
220 Memorial Day for the purpose of observing the life and legacy of
230 Frederick Douglass, one of Maryland’s most distinguished residents
240 through whose hard work and dedication contributed to the abolition of
250 slavery and women’s suffrage;

260 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** requiring henceforth the Maryland Student
270 Legislature and the General Assembly of Maryland to acknowledge,
280 within the minutes, on the day of observance, the life and legacy of
290 Frederick Douglass;

300 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** through the adoption of this resolution, the
310 explicit support for the creation of a Frederick Douglass Memorial site, in
320 a certain location in Maryland State Capitol.

330 **MANDATES:** Governor Martin O’Malley
340 Lt. Governor Anthony Brown
350 Speaker of the House of Delegates Michael E. Busch
360 President of the Senate Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.
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