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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **THE STRATEGIC PLACEMENT OF RECYCLING BINS**

30 **WHEREAS:** recycling is a cost effective way to conserve materials, reduce carbon emissions, extend
40 the lifespan of landfills and much more; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** in many spaces used by the public, including malls, restaurants, and colleges, trash often
60 are more numerous than recycling bins and have more convenient locations ; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** many recycling bins are overlooked or mistaken for trash cans due to a bad location ;
80 and,

90 **WHEREAS:** many people will throw recyclables in the trash if a recycling bin is not in a conspicuous
100 or convenient location ; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** rearranging recycling bins, and adding new ones as necessary, would not be an onerous
120 process if handled correctly ; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Doing more to encourage people to recycle in public would raise awareness and
140 indirectly encourage people to recycle more at home and at work.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Maryland Student Legislature encourages the Maryland
160 general assembly to consider a bill that would require organizations in charge of places used by the
170 public to rearrange their existing recycling bins and add new ones as necessary to decrease the amount
180 of recyclables that are thrown away.

190 **MANDATES:** Governor Martin O'Malley
200 Lt. Governor Anthony Brown
210 President of the Senate Mike V. Miller
220 Speaker of the House Michael Busch

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