

**R002-0910**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING URBAN GROWTH ON THE EASTERN SHORE**

20     **WHEREAS:** Maryland's Eastern Shore is composed of distinct, separated towns and cities; and,

30     **WHEREAS:** These towns and cities are separated by open land, which is vital to the economic and  
40     environmental health of Maryland; and,

50     **WHEREAS:** This open land is threatened by encroaching urban growth; and,

60     **WHEREAS:** Urban development in outlying regions cost the tax payer money, as they must pay to expand  
70     infrastructure to these new areas; and,

80     **WHEREAS:** Local governments are unwilling to stem this growth, as they are swayed by the short term  
90     economic benefits; and,

100    **WHEREAS:** These benefits disappear quickly, replaced by the high costs of expanding infrastructure and  
110    services; and,

120    **WHEREAS:** Calvert County, which is similar in having distinct and separated urban areas, has had great  
130    economic and environmental benefits from successfully adopting urban growth controls; and,

140    **WHEREAS:** Adopting state laws that control the urban growth on the eastern shore will yield similar benefits  
150    to the State of Maryland; and,

160    **WHEREAS:** The opportunity for these economic and environmental benefits cannot be ignored.

170    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland State Government  
180    to enact legislation creating state level urban growth controls for the Eastern Shore.

190    **Mandates:**

200            Martin O'Malley, Governor

210            Michael Busch, Speaker of the House

220            Thomas V. Miller, President of the Senate

230            Richard Eberhart Hall, Maryland Department of Planning Secretary.

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