

R012-0910

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROTECTING THE FREEDOM OF**
20 **DISCUSSION AND DEBATE AT PUBLICLY FUNDED COLLEGES**

30 **WHEREAS:** The Maryland Legislature imposed a legislative mandate upon all colleges
40 that receive state funding to devise a policy for the screening of pornographic
50 films on their campuses by December 1st, 2009. This policy would not necessarily
60 ban the screening of pornographic or obscene material but will likely pair it with
70 educational discussion, as was the case when the University of Maryland College
80 Park screened portions of the Film “Pirates II: Stagnetti’s Revenge” in April of
90 2009.

100 **WHEREAS:** No other state in the country has imposed such a legislative mandate on
110 their publicly funded universities.

120 **WHEREAS:** This places an unnecessary burden on already strained administrators and
130 sets a precedent for the legislative restriction of academic freedom and free
140 speech on campuses of publicly funded universities.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Legislature shall rescind the
160 mandate for publicly funded universities in the State of Maryland to devise a
170 policy for the screening of pornographic films on their campuses in all future
180 budgets.

190 **MANDATES:** Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland
200 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates
210 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Maryland Senate

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