

R018-0910

10 **A Resolution Concerning**
20 **A REPEAL OF THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT (DOMA)**

30 **WHEREAS:** The DOMA prevents states from being required to recognize the marriage of same sex
40 couples in other states; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The DOMA defines marriage as a legal union exclusively between one man and one woman;
60 and,

70 **WHEREAS:** The DOMA impedes the civil rights and liberties of certain individuals based on their
80 sexual preferences; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The DOMA also oversteps Congressional authority in violation of the 10th Amendment
100 of the United States Constitution; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** It also violates state's rights under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the
120 United States Constitution which declares that states within the United States have to respect the public
130 acts, records, and judicial proceedings of other states.

140 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urge President Barack Obama
150 and the United States Congress to develop and enact swift legislation to repeal the Defense of Marriage
160 Act.

170 **MANDATES:**
180 President Barack Obama
190 Senator Barbara Milkulski
200 Senator Ben Cardin
210 United States Congress

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