

10 **A Resolution Concerning**
20 **INCREASING SELLINGER FORMULA FUNDING**

30 **WHEREAS:** The Joseph A. Sellinger State Aid Program was enacted in 1973 to award state aid to
40 independent colleges within the State of Maryland; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** This method has become a national model when it comes to granting private colleges and
60 universities access to state aid; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** A September 2009 poll by Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies show that 69% of
80 Marylanders support the continuation of the Sellinger Program; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The majority of students attending schools receiving Sellinger Program funds are natives
100 of the State of Maryland; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Schools receiving Sellinger Program funds confer 24% of degrees awarded in the State of
120 Maryland; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** Sellinger Program funding currently makes up only 3% of Maryland's higher education
130 budget; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Funds from the Sellinger Program are often used by these institutions to increase the
150 amount of financial aid accessible to students; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** In the past few years, the amount of money awarded to schools under the Sellinger
170 Program has decreased at rates far greater than for public state colleges and universities
180 and community colleges.

190 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General
200 Assembly to increase the Sellinger Program funding from 3% to 5% of the higher
210 education budget; and,

220 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this new funding takes effect for the 2011 fiscal year.

230 **MANDATES:**
240 Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland
250 Michael Busch, Speaker of the Huse of Delegates
260 Kumar Barve, House Majority Leader
270 Anthony O'Donnell, House Minority Leader
280 Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, President of the Senate
290 Allen Kittelman, Senate Minority Leader

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