

R043-0910

10 **A resolution concerning**
20 **CAMPAIGN FUNDS AND THE NATIONAL DEBT**

30 **WHEREAS:** The national debt is over \$12,000,000,000,000; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** This is causing detrimental affects to our nation as we have severely
50 limited discretionary funds; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** This is affecting our growth and dominance as a nation; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Federal Elections raise millions of dollars for candidates; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** A portion of this revenue raised by federal candidates could be contributed
90 to the national debt; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** The funds generated by federal congressional and presidential elections
110 that go towards the national debt would significantly reduce the current
120 national debt; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** A mere 5% of the revenues raised by President Barack Obama and Senator
140 John McCain would amount to over \$37,000,000,000 and
150 \$18,000,000,000, respectively; and,

160 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland General Assembly urge the
170 United States Congress to mandate five percent of the funds raised for
180 federal elections, including House of Representatives, Senate, and
190 presidential campaigns/elections, be used to pay down the national debt.

200 **MANDATES:**
210 Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland;
220 Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland;
230 Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate;
240 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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