

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING RECREATION ON THE EASTERN SHORE**

20 **WHEREAS:** There are limited recreational areas on Maryland's Eastern Shore; and,

30 **WHEREAS:** There is a movement nationwide to transform old railroad grades into trails for recreation; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** There are ample abandoned railroad grades that are perfect for conversion to rail trails; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The construction of such rail trails draws people into the area of the trail for the recreation
60 opportunity; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** The longer the trails are, the more appealing they are to cyclists and other people seeking
80 recreation; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** There is the potential to create trails that would link the Chesapeake Bay with Ocean City; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Trails linking Kent Island, Queen Anne, Easton, Salisbury, and Ocean city would improve the
110 ability of Marylanders to enjoy the outdoors, and improve their health, as well as increasing
120 tourism and providing jobs.

130 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Maryland Student Legislature urges the creation of
140 Eastern Shore rail trails, using the abandoned right of ways, connecting Kent Island, Queen Anne,
150 Easton, Salisbury, Ocean City, and other areas.

160 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this process should be completed by 2030, and funded with private
170 investments, state Open Space funds, and any available federal grants.

180 **Mandates:**

- 190 Martin O'Malley, Governor
- 200 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House
- 210 Thomas V. Miller, President of the Senate
- 220 John R. Griffin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary
- 230 Shari Wilson, Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary
- 240 Peter Franchot, Comptroller of Maryland
- 250 Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer of Maryland

Sponsor:

- Scott Thomas Besore
- Salisbury University Delegation Secretary