

10 **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONCERNING GREEN ENERGY IN MARYLAND**

20 **WHEREAS:** The State of Maryland is currently dismantling the Union Dam on the Patapsco River; and,

30 **WHEREAS:** This removal is part of a larger program to remove smaller dams from this river; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** This program is partially funded by a federal stimulus grant; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** These dams, along with numerous larger dams in Maryland, are an untapped resource that can be
60 utilized to generate clean electricity; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Allowing these dams to be converted to generate electricity would not only create short term
80 construction jobs, but also well paying long term technical jobs; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Converting dams to generate electricity would reduce Maryland's reliance on fossil fuels; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Hydroelectric generation is the most reliable source of green energy, and the conversion process
110 would generate the most electricity for the least environmental impact possible; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** This potential for environmental and economic benefits should not be thrown away by
130 dismantling our resources.

140 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland State
150 Government to end this dam removal program.

160 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland State Government should create a permit program to allow
170 and encourage the conversion of existing dams to generate hydroelectricity.

180 **MANDATES:**

190 Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland

200 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates

210 Thomas V. Miller, President of the State Senate

220 John R. Griffin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary

230 Shari T. Wilson, Maryland Department of the Environment

240 Steven Chu, United States Secretary of Energy

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