

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS OF MARYLAND PUBLIC AND**
20 **PRIVATE COLLGE JOURNALISIM STUDENTS**

30 **WHEREAS:** The State of Maryland doesn't offer any first amendment rights protections for any public
40 school students or Private School; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Censorship hinders thought; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** There is a need for further protections for student journalist then abided by them according to
70 the United States Constitution; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** The current standard in Maryland goes by the United State Supreme Court ruling of
90 *Hazelwood vs. Kulhmeir* which is unjust. This decision gives school administrator's free reign to censor
100 any newspaper article simply by stating an educational purpose as their reasoning; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Limiting a student journalist's ability to report limits the student's ability to keep school
120 Administrators accountable for their actions.

130 **THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature encourage the General
140 Assembly to pass legislation that protects student journalism thoroughly and more in-depth then the
150 United States Constitution allows, such-as California has done with their Leonard Laws that give extended
160 first amendment protections to both private and public college students.

170 **MANDATES:**

180 Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland

190 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates

200 Thomas V. Miller, President of the State Senate

210 Secretary James E. Lyons Sr, Maryland Department of Education

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