A Resolution to Co-Sponsor a Meal Point Donation Drive for the Keep Me Maryland Fund

WHEREAS: the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students, and

WHEREAS: the RHA has priority student influence over issues pertaining to the Department of Dining Services through the Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB), and

WHEREAS: the inability to finance necessary student expenses (tuition, housing, etc.) has hindered a number of students from returning to the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD), and

WHEREAS: UMD has a scholarship fund, Keep Me Maryland, that allows these students to appeal for financial aid, ultimately allowing them to return to UMD for another semester, and

WHEREAS: for the past two spring semesters (Spring 2010 and Spring 2011), the RHA has collaborated with the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Alumni Association to host meal point donation drives to help the Keep Me Maryland cause, and

WHEREAS: these drives have been successful in collecting donations as well as promoting philanthropy on campus and encouraging students to give back to the university, and

WHEREAS: there will be a maximum donation that will depend on the payment method (meal plan, Terp Bucks, Terrapin Express) as defined by the Keep Me Maryland Fund that each individual student may donate throughout the duration of the drive, and

WHEREAS: UMD residents are familiar with the process of point donation drives and have shown their dedication by participating in the past, and

WHEREAS: the event this year will allow for successful collaboration with SGA and Student Philanthropy (PHIL), and

WHEREAS: the main responsibility of the participating student organizations will be to promote this initiative to university students and encourage them to participate,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the RHA co-sponsors the Keep Me Maryland meal point donation drive from Monday, April 16th, 2012 through Friday, April 27th, 2012 to benefit the recipients of financial assistance from Keep Me Maryland, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the RHA will promote the drive and encourage residents to participate in this philanthropic endeavor, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the RHA Senators, Hall/Area Council, and Executive Board members will put in their best effort to volunteer for this donation drive, and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the RHA advertise for the event specifically by posting fliers (provided by PHIL) in all residence halls and utilize electronic social media outlets such as Facebook to reach out to the entire resident community.

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