A Resolution Supporting the Expansion of the Responsible Action Policy to Include the Use of Drugs

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is responsible for advocating on behalf of all students living on-campus at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD), and

WHEREAS RHA has jurisdiction on all matters pertaining to the Department of Resident Life (DRL) through the Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLATe), and

WHEREAS the Promoting Responsible Action in Medical Emergencies Policy (RAP; otherwise known as the Good Samaritan Policy) was approved by UMD President Wallace Loh on March 10, 2011, and

WHEREAS initial discussions surrounding RAP included debate on the inclusion of drugs and alcohol, but ultimately the University Senate decided to recommend the policy cover only alcohol, and

WHEREAS the University Senate will be voting on Thursday, February 14, 2013 on the expansion of the RAP to include the use of drugs, and,

WHEREAS the expansion will have the same consequences for the use of drugs as it does for the use of alcohol when medical attention is requested, and

WHEREAS the expansion will have the same procedures and exclusions as the original policy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA Senate support the proposed amendments to the RAP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the recommended changes to RAP be implemented, ReLATe will be tasked with helping DRL educate students on these changes.

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