A Resolution to Reduce the Number of Refrigerators in North Campus High Rise Residence Halls

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

WHEREAS: the RHA has primary influence on all residential issues including those pertaining to the Department of Residential Facilities (DRF), and

WHEREAS: the University of Maryland and the RHA is seeking to increase its sustainability efforts, and

WHEREAS: the RHA has previously passed CWM001 2010 tasking the Residential Facilities Advisory Board (ReFAB) with working with DRF to determine a plan of action in regard to University provided lounge refrigerators in North Campus High-Rises, and

WHEREAS: ReFAB has engaged in such discussions with DRF and has surveyed the residents of North Campus through questions added to the Resident Assistant Evaluation, and

WHEREAS: the results of this survey indicate that a low percentage of students use the refrigerators or would be negatively impacted by their removal, and

WHEREAS: as a result of the survey, ReFAB has determined that it is still important to provide at least some refrigerators to on-campus residential students, and

WHEREAS: all North Campus High-Rises have a communal lounge on every floor (except the 1st), except for Cumberland which has lounges on floors 2, 4, 5, and 8; and Centreville which has lounges on floor 3, 5, and 7,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the RHA recommend that DRF remove all communal lounge refrigerators from the odd numbered floors in all North Campus High Rises except in Cumberland and Centreville and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the RHA recommend that DRF remove the refrigerators only from the 5th floor of Cumberland and Centreville in consideration of their reduced number of lounges,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that DRF ensure that the highest quality refrigerators are retained, even if this involves the relocation of units, and that the discarded units are disposed of according to all pertaining environmental standards and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the RHA recommends that this action take place over Summer 2012 to be in effect for the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester.

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