RESOLUTION

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

WHEREAS, school based field trips enhance and enrich learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, school based field trips offer an educational perspective otherwise not available in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, school based field trips promote cultural awareness in students who might not otherwise have the opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Harford County does not provide funding for school based field trips; and

WHEREAS, many PTAs in Harford County support the funding of school based field trips; and

WHEREAS, funding of field trips through PTAs promote an inequity of field trip opportunities throughout the Harford County Public Schools and provides an area of liability to local PTA units

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. recommends that the Board of Education of Harford County provide full funding for school based field trips; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. recommends that the Board of Education of Harford County create a field trip policy that provides for equity of field trip opportunities throughout the Harford County Public Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. recommends local PTA units work toward reducing their liability associated with field trips by utilizing in house cultural arts programs.

ADOPTED 06.08.03