

# 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.

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