

**A Resolution Supporting Department of Resident Life’s Terp to Terp Program**

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

**WHEREAS** in 2003, the Department of Resident Life (DRL) started the “Trash to Treasure” initiative with the purpose of redistributing discarded student items to the greater Washington Metropolitan area, and

**WHEREAS** each year, the Trash to Treasure program successfully redistributes between 10,000 and 16,000 pounds of appliances, electronics, bedding, as well as other items, and

**WHEREAS** the program prevents excess waste from reaching landfills thus reducing the end-of-year disposal costs for the University, and

**WHEREAS** since the start of the program, students and members of DRL have been developing a method to redistribute the used goods to students within the campus community, and

**WHEREAS** in the summer of 2021, Lisa Alexander, the Resident Life Coordinator for Sustainability Programs, and DRL transitioned the Trash to Treasure program into a pilot test of the Terp to Terp program, and

**WHEREAS** Terp to Terp, like Trash to Treasure, is a waste reduction program that allows students to donate disused items throughout the year, rather than just at the end of any given semester, and

**WHEREAS** the Terp to Terp program operates as a year-round “take what you need” storefront in which students are able to shop free items needed in their residence, and

**WHEREAS** while the Terp to Terp program is needed by financially insecure students, the program is also uniquely equipped to service international and graduate students who need items on a short-term basis, and

**WHEREAS** other universities that implemented similar programs have proven it to be utilized among students, highlighting the necessity of a permanent storefront, and

**WHEREAS** the Terp to Terp program submitted a bid to the Sustainability Fund to provide funding for organizational tools and student employee wages,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that RHA endorses Terp to Terp’s bid to the Sustainability Fund, and

47 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that RHA shall promote the Terp to Terp  
48 collection program at the end of each semester and the Terp to Terp storefront periodically at the  
49 request of the current director.

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