Residence Hall Association

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**A Resolution to Amend the Cecil Hall Visitation Policy**

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

**WHEREAS** the Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLATe) has jurisdiction over matters and policies relating to the Department of Resident Life, and

**WHEREAS** Cecil Hall is a residence hall that features exclusive female housing, which includes restricted visitation hours, and

**WHEREAS** a survey conducted by the Department of Resident Life in April 2019 to Cecil Hall residents found that 64% of respondents expressed discontent with the restricted visitation policy, and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to SPD001S, passed during the 2018-19 academic year, ReLATe collaborated with the Department of Resident Life during the 2019-20 academic year to develop an amended policy regarding the visitation policy of Cecil Hall,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the visitation policy of Cecil Hall be amended so that only the third floor, which contains 14 beds, will be subject to restricted visitation hours pursuant to the guidelines described in this resolution, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other floors of Cecil Hall will not be subject to restricted visitation hours, though Cecil Hall will remain an all-female residence hall, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the residents of the third floor will establish their visitation policy during the initial floor meeting of each semester through democratic processes, and we encourage residents uncomfortable with the visitation hours to seek help from their resident assistant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the residents of the third floor will also have minimum restricted visitation hours that may be extended through floor meetings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that those minimum hours will be midnight through 7 a.m. on Monday through Friday mornings, and 1 a.m. through 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ReLATe committee will work with the Department of Resident Life to provide clarity through the housing selection process with regards to the Cecil Hall Visitation policy, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ReLATe committee review the Cecil Hall visitation policy during the 2020-21 academic year, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect at the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester.

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