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TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Resolution No. R-26-02
Introduced By: W. Arlene Hagans, Council Member
Co-Sponsors: _____
Session: Regular
Date of Introduction: March 20, 2002

RESOLUTION

Of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Fairmount Heights, Maryland Authorizing Support of the Thornton Commission Recommendations.

WHEREAS, the Maryland's Constitution requires the Governor and Legislature to fund, by taxation or otherwise, a "thorough and efficient system of the public schools"; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature created the Commission on Educational Equity and Excellence, hereafter known as the Thornton Commission, to examine the present structure for public school funding and recommend such changes as will ensure that children in Maryland will have access to equitable and excellent public schools wherever they reside; and.

WHEREAS, after two years of careful analysis and intensive deliberations, the Thornton Commission has determined that the existing funding structure does not provide equitable and adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is among the wealthiest states, but presently ranks only 34th among states in State public education funding per pupil, and only 45th among states in State public education spending per \$1,000 of personal income; and

WHEREAS, based on its deliberations and citizen input, the Thornton Commission has recommended significant improvements to the present funding structure designed to ensure greater equity, adequacy, accountability and flexibility; and

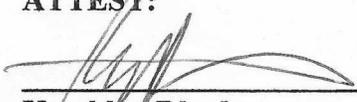
WHEREAS, the recommendations of the Commission will increase State funding for every public school system in Maryland so that all students will have the programs, services and instructional support needed to meet the rigorous standards established for student performance; and

WHEREAS, the enhanced student performance resulting from the adoption of Commission recommendations will represent a significant investment in Maryland's economic future; and

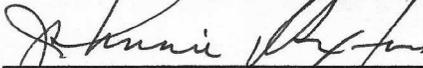
49 WHEREAS, a broad-based Coalition to Support the Thornton Commission
50 Recommendations has been established to promote public awareness of the issues involved and to
51 influence those responsible to act on the recommendations of the Thornton Commission.
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53 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 20th day of March, 2002 as follows:
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- 55 1. The Coalition to Support the Thornton Commission Recommendations urges the
56 Governor and Legislature to carry out its constitutional and moral responsibilities
57 to the children of Maryland by adopting the funding and related recommendations
58 proposed for the 2002-2003 school year; and
59 2. That this Coalition seeks from the Governor and Legislature a firm commitment to
60 work together to fund the Thornton Commission recommendations beyond 2002
61 according to the timetable provided in the Commission's final report.
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63 ATTEST:
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67 Recording Secretary
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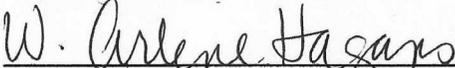
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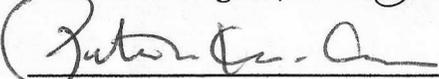
Johnnie R. Saxton, Mayor



Richard Saxon, Vice Mayor

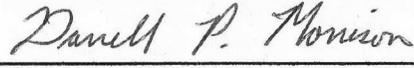


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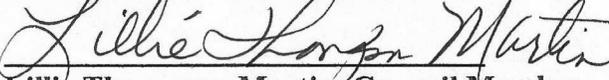


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Darrell P. Morrison, Council Member



Lillie Thompson-Martin, Council Member