

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The Baltimore County Public Schools designate certain days as “non-play” days for purposes of athletic competition and other athletic events; and
- WHEREAS, Many of these dates are national or traditional holidays, on which many of the students who might otherwise desire to participate may be commemorating the day in the spirit of the national or traditional celebration; and
- WHEREAS, One such date is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, a day that is recognized as a Federal and State Holiday, and a day on which students are encouraged to explore ways to honor the memory of Dr. King; and
- WHEREAS, The Baltimore County Public Schools do not permit the scheduling or rescheduling of previously-scheduled athletic events on certain national and traditional holidays; and
- WHEREAS, For the benefit of all public school students throughout the State and in the spirit of free and fair competition, it is advisable for all jurisdictions in the State to enforce the no-play policy for athletic events or athletic competition on certain national or traditional holidays so that no student athlete is competitively disadvantaged; now, therefore, be it;
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County take all appropriate steps to encourage the school systems of the State to formulate and to enforce a uniform policy, refraining from the scheduling or rescheduling of athletic competition and athletic events on agreed-upon national or traditional holidays, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County distribute this resolution to the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, the Maryland State Department of Education, other boards of education throughout the State, the Public School Superintendents’ Association of Maryland, and the Maryland Association of Athletic Directors, and similar organizations, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County directs a copy of this resolution to be recorded among the permanent records of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.

Donald L. Arnold, President

Joe A. Hairston, Secretary-Treasurer

February 11, 2003