

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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By: **Senator Ellis**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Urging the Renaming of the Town of Indian Head**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head to
4 rename the Town.

5 WHEREAS, The Town of Indian Head, located in Charles County, Maryland, was
6 incorporated in 1920; and

7 WHEREAS, The Town received its name due to the strong presence of indigenous
8 persons in the late 17th century, specifically of the Algonquin tribe; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has an interest in respecting the rich cultural
10 history of indigenous persons; and

11 WHEREAS, It is likely that the name of Indian Head may be deemed offensive to
12 indigenous persons; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
14 Assembly urges the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head to change the
15 name of the Town in order to better reflect the State of Maryland's respect of indigenous
16 history, culture, and persons; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
18 Legislative Services to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
21 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
22 Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
23 Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

