

Passed as submitted, November 13, 2021

Resolution 2021-03

Title: Regarding the Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment

RESOLVED, that the 237th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland calls upon the Maryland General Assembly, commencing January 12, 2022, to pass the Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment. This amendment to the Declaration of Rights section of the Maryland Constitution would guarantee that every person, as a matter of basic human dignity, has a fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful and stable environment. It would codify that the State is trustee of Maryland's natural resources, including its air, lands, waters, wildlife, and ecosystems, for the benefit and enjoyment of both present and future generations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the secretary of convention be instructed to share this resolution with Senate President Ferguson, Senate Majority Leader King, Senate Minority Leader Simonaire, Speaker of the House Jones, and House Minority Leader Buckel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all clergy and lay members of the Diocese of Maryland and their partners in mission be invited to become advocates for the passage of this amendment by the General Assembly and for its ratification in the general election of 2022.