Law Library Association of Maryland

A Resolution to Support the Enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act

In the State of Maryland
WHEREAS, the Law Library Association of Maryland believes that permanent public access to official, authentic legal information is critical to the legal system of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Law Library Association of Maryland holds that information published on government websites must be trustworthy and reliable; and

WHEREAS, the Law Library Association of Maryland promotes the idea that information on government websites must be preserved and permanently accessible, and offered to the public without charge whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Law Library Association of Maryland has found that most state governments have not yet met their responsibilities to provide trustworthy, reliable access to online legal information; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission provides a technology-neutral, outcomes-based approach to ensuring that online state legal material deemed official will be preserved and will be permanently available to the public in unaltered form; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that if legal material is published only in electronic form, it must be designated official; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that electronic legal material that has been designated official must be capable of being authenticated, preserved and permanently accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, members of the Law Library Association of Maryland have advocated for adoption the Act and have supported similar efforts of its parent organization, the American Association of Law Libraries, be it

RESOLVED, that the Law Library Association of Maryland supports enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in the state of Maryland and all other states throughout the United States and; be it further