

STATE OF MARYLAND



Proclamation

**Governor's Proclamation Declaring the Result of
the Election of November 2, 2010, Regarding a Constitutional Convention**

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 2, of the Maryland Constitution provides that, beginning in 1970 and every 20 years thereafter, the General Assembly of Maryland shall provide by law for the taking of a "sense of the People" to see whether a "majority of voters" wants to hold a Constitutional Convention to alter the Maryland Constitution;

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland at its Regular Session of 2010 enacted Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010, "Maryland Constitutional Convention – Sense of the Voters" providing for a statewide vote on the question of whether the State should hold a Constitutional Convention to alter the Maryland Constitution;

WHEREAS, The above recited Act provided that at the election held on November 2, 2010, the question of whether the State should hold a Constitutional Convention be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State;

WHEREAS, The Act was submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State during that election and from the certified copies of the returns of the election were as follows:

As to Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010 relating to a Constitutional Convention (Question No. 1):
897,239 voters voted in favor of a Constitutional Convention;
751,228 voters against a Constitutional Convention; and 216,817 voters abstained from voting on the question of whether the State should hold a Constitutional Convention;

WHEREAS,

Article XV, Section 2 of the Constitution requires that in order for a Constitutional Convention to be held, a “majority of voters” must vote in favor of a Convention; and

WHEREAS,

In the election held on November 2, 2010, 1,865,284 people voted; the number of votes required for a majority would be 932,643; the 897,239 votes in favor of the Constitutional Convention is fewer than the majority required to call a Constitutional Convention.

NOW, THEREFORE,

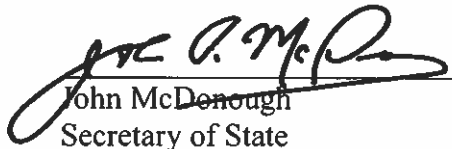
I, MARTIN O’MALLEY, GOVERNOR, pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010, “Maryland Constitutional Convention – Sense of the Voters,” do, by this Proclamation, declare and proclaim that a majority of voters did not vote in favor of a Constitutional Convention, and therefore, a Constitutional Convention will not be held.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 1st Day of December, 2010.



Martin O’Malley
Governor

ATTEST:



John McDonough
Secretary of State

