

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Higher Education – Publishers of Academic Publications – cOAlition S and**
3 **Plan S**

4 FOR the purpose of encouraging each Maryland publisher of an academic publication of
5 research funded by public grants, including institutions of higher education, to join
6 cOAlition S and implement Plan S by a certain year; and generally relating to open
7 access to academic publications.

8 WHEREAS, A society cannot lift itself up unless access to knowledge is free and
9 unfettered; and

10 WHEREAS, Locking knowledge behind paywalls, inaccessible to those who would
11 benefit the most from furthering their own educational endeavors, is inexcusable in a free
12 and open society; and

13 WHEREAS, The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of
14 true liberty; and

15 WHEREAS, cOAlition S is an international group of academic publishers committed
16 to providing full and immediate open access to publications from publicly funded research
17 institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, Plan S is an initiative organized for the purpose of having research
19 funded by public grants be published in open access journals or platforms from the year
20 2020 onwards; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That each publisher**
22 **of an academic publication of research funded by public grants, including institutions of**
23 **higher education in Maryland, is encouraged to join cOAlition S and commit to fully**
24 **implementing Plan S by the year 2024; and be it further**

25 **RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of**



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- 1 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
- 2 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
- 3 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.