

~~Resources, and Transportation so that the departments may take a holistic approach to rural development.~~

FOR the purpose of urging the establishment of a liaison between the Maryland Rural Development Corporation, the Department of Human Resources, and the State Development Council, which is comprised of the Lt. Governor and the Departments of Agriculture, Economic and Community Development, Health and Mental Hygiene, Natural Resources, State Planning, and Transportation, so that a holistic approach may be taken to rural development.

WHEREAS, The Governor has by executive order created a State Development Council to guide the development of the State; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) was created from a Small Town Emphasis Program (STEP) grant; and

WHEREAS, The data collection system of MRDC identifies the areas in rural Maryland that are in the greatest need of resources, funding, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, The resource development system for MRDC is the only program of its kind now in existence in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The technical assistance system of MRDC assures that the appropriate technical advisors will be available to small towns; and without MRDC very few towns would have the financial resources to secure the available technical consultants; and

WHEREAS, It is both desirable and essential that a holistic approach be pursued with regard to rural development; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is substantially rural; now, therefore, be it

~~RESOLVED--BY--THE--GENERAL--ASSEMBLY--OF--MARYLAND,--That--the--Departments---of---Agriculture,---Economic---and---Community Development,--Health--and--Mental--Hygiene,--Human--Resources,--Natural--Resources,--State--Planning,--and--Transportation--are requested--to--each--select--a--liaison--to--work--with--and understand--the--programs--of--the--Maryland--Rural--Development Corporation,--and--be--it--further~~

~~RESOLVED,--That--the--7--liaisons--constitute--a--committee which--will--report--to--the--1983--session--of--the--General Assembly--on--the--means--by--which--the--State--departments--of Maryland--and--MRDC--may--work--cooperatively--in--advancing--the developments--of--rural--areas--in--the--State,--and--be--it--further~~