

teenage child, teenage, and young adult suicide and other associated mental health problems affecting teenagers youth children, teenagers, and young adults.

WHEREAS, Peer pressure, family-related conflicts, educational demands, and other youthful concerns can be extremely burdensome and oftentimes difficult for today's teenagers youth children, teenagers, and young adults to cope with; and

WHEREAS, Teenage--suicide, Suicide bulimia, anorexia, and other and-associated Child, teenage, and young adult suicide, bulimia, anorexia, and other child, teenage, and young adult teenage mental health disorders are becoming an increasingly serious problem among youth in the State; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that Maryland's teenage youth children, teenagers, and young adults, and the adults responsible for and who interact with them in their daily lives, be better informed about the pressures faced by today's teenagers youth children, teenagers, and young adults; and

WHEREAS, There is a particular need to involve our communities,--including teenagers youth children, teenagers and young adults, their parents, and the schools, and social--service agencies ~~both--public--and--private--agencies--and--providers~~ social service agencies in recognizing, addressing, and combating these serious mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, An organizational framework is needed to focus the efforts of State and local communities and mental health agencies, together with families, educational institutions, and others involved in programs geared to combat teenage child, teenage, and young adult suicide among today's teenagers youth children, teenagers, and young adults; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a task force to develop and implement a comprehensive plan designed to combat teenage youth child, teenage, and young adult suicide and associated mental health concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force be strongly encouraged to consider, as components of its recommended plan:

(1) the implementation of appropriate training programs for teachers all school personnel and volunteers and appropriate institutions--institutional and residential care facilities' staff;

(2) the development of teenage youth child, teenage, and young adult suicide and mental health curriculum training programs for junior and senior high schools and appropriate institutions and residential care facilities;