

WHEREAS, the purpose of public assistance is to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health; and

WHEREAS, the Social Security Board, state departments of welfare, and many other agencies have pointed out the need for amendments to the present Social Security Act so that states can more adequately provide at least a minimum of economic security by supplying basic maintenance to needy persons who are not otherwise provided for; therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the representatives from Maryland in both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, be and they are hereby requested to take whatever steps are possible to have the following amendments made to the Social Security Act:*

*1st:* To include a fourth category of general assistance so as to provide for those in need but who under the Act are not eligible for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, or Aid to Dependent Children.

*2nd:* To remove completely from the Aid to Dependent Children law the maximum of \$18 for the first child and \$12 for other eligible children.

*3rd:* To provide for uniform residence requirements with 100% reimbursement from Federal funds for persons who do not meet the minimum requirements.

*4th:* To provide that reimbursement be made to the states for direct payments to doctors or hospitals for medical care.

*5th:* To make uniform Federal matching of administrative costs by providing 50% of the cost of administration to the states for all of the programs administered under Titles I, IV, and X of the Act; and be it further

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be and he is hereby requested to send a copy of this Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to each of the representatives from Maryland in the United States Congress, and a copy to the Hon. Arthur J. Altmeyer, Chairman of the Social Security Board.*

Approved April 23, 1945.