

WHEREAS, In June 1956 the Federal Council on Aging and the Council of State Governments jointly sponsored the 1956 Federal and State Conference on Aging; and

WHEREAS, In June 1956 the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, through its Committee on Aging, published "The States and Their Programs In Aging," the same being a descriptive survey of the organizations and activities of the official State groups on aging, which at that time numbered almost half of the States in the Union, containing policy statements, executive orders, and legislative resolutions; and

WHEREAS, In September 1957 the Council of State Governments held a Southern Regional Conference in Baltimore, in cooperation with the Maryland Commission on Interstate Cooperation and the Maryland Legislative Council; and, in response to a resolution adopted at that Conference, urging effective methods to expand the productive opportunities for older persons, has arranged for a Southern Regional Conference on Aging; and

WHEREAS, It appears desirable and necessary to ascertain at this time by an appropriate investigation and study what steps should be taken in Maryland to provide for the aging group in our population in reference to employment, housing, health, recreation and general social and economic needs; and

WHEREAS, Such investigation and study can be accomplished by the establishment of a joint committee of the Legislature to make such investigation and study and report thereon to the Legislature and to the Governor; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoint, respectively, five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Delegates as a Joint Legislative Committee to Study the Problems of the Aging in reference to employment, housing, health, recreation and general social and economic needs; to determine the feasibility of establishing a State Commission on Aging; and to suggest the duties and responsibilities of such a Commission if the same be recommended; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Joint Legislative Committee to Study the Problems of the Aging may hold hearings, and, for such assistance as may be required, call upon any and all departments, agencies and organizations within the State, including the Baltimore City Commission on Aging and the Problems of the Aged, which in 1955 issued a report entitled "Widening The Lengthened Path of Life;" and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Joint Legislative Committee to Study the Problems of the Aging, upon appointment, be requested to meet and organize promptly, and to submit a report of the results of its studies, together with any recommendations it may have, to the General Assembly which convenes in 1959.

Approved April 4, 1958.