

the State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has undertaken an extensive program to insure the mental health of its citizens and in connection therewith has established the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the purpose of furnishing assistance, facilities and services to all persons in the State; and

WHEREAS, It is of critical importance at all times that the program of assistance and the facilities and services for securing the mental health of its citizens be maintained at the maximum level of effectiveness and greatest level of economy; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate and necessary for a periodic professional review and evaluation to be made of the State's assistance, facilities, and services for the mentally ill for the purpose of reviewing the program and its objectives, and the facilities and services so employed; and

WHEREAS, An objective study and evaluation of this State's program for the mentally ill should be conducted by authorities and professionals who are not associated with the programs on any private or public assistance in this State; and

WHEREAS, The American Psychiatric Association is widely recognized throughout the nation as the most competent authoritative body capable of evaluating the programs for the mentally ill established by states and political subdivisions throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the American Psychiatric Association be and it is hereby requested to undertake a review and evaluation of the Maryland program for the mentally ill, including its objectives, facilities and services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That such sums required therefore be provided by the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the American Psychiatric Association.

Not signed by the Governor.