

established by the Secretary of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Provisions have been made through the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to expand the food services program by including nutritious breakfasts, Special Food Services Program for Children, and milk at a reduced price or at no charge; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State funding is available to provide a nutritious meal which is free or at a reduced price to children who are unable to pay as determined by the State Agency following the U. S. Department of Agriculture guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Nutritious meals for elderly citizens are available through the school food service program; and

WHEREAS, Nutritious foods are foods which provide significant amounts of essential nutrients, and which are not debased by excessive amounts of sugar, fat and potentially harmful amounts of food additives; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education has expressed concern for the health and well-being of Maryland children by adopting a Resolution that "nutrition education shall be a part of the Health Education Program from kindergarten through grade twelve"; approved the curriculum guide, "Health Education - A Curricular Approach to Optimal Health"; supported nutrition education workshops for teachers and recognized the nutritional goal of school meals as providing significant contribution toward the daily dietary allowances as recommended by the National Research Council for children of various age groups; and

WHEREAS, Other allied professional organizations, parents and other citizens have expressed concern about the availability of "empty calorie" or nonnutritious foods during the school day; and

WHEREAS, Studies have been conducted which indicate the need to provide guidance for teenagers and others in the selection of snack foods that contribute nutrients to the day's diet and emphasized the need for increased consumption of milk, milk products and fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, Food misinformation is a concern of professional organizations and Maryland citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That a Task Force composed of allied professional organizations, parent and other citizen groups and student groups be