

WHEREAS, The Short Range/Long Range Plan also stated that one of the four goals of the Office of Development Planning is to assist localities in Maryland to undertake a process of goal and objective setting and that one of the objectives of its Field Liaison Office is to prepare the foundation of continually refined economic development goals and targets for both State and substate levels; and

WHEREAS, The Short Range/Long Range Plan of the Office also stated that the quality of economic development planning at the substate level must be described as spotty and inadequate, and that Maryland lags behind those states who over the last decade have subregionalized for planning and development purposes with a consistent pattern of missions and standards. The Plan also stated that although Department of Economic and Community Development has some monitoring role with Tri-County Western Maryland and with the Delmarva Advisory Council, it has not a clearly defined or accepted role with regard to other regional organizations or with the individual counties. Nor does it now have the grant or loan program that might provide the necessary "carrot" to enforce development planning standards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Economic and Community Development be encouraged in its efforts to establish overall goals for the economic development of the State of Maryland on a county and regional basis and to assist substate organizations in the formulation of economic development goals and objectives, and that the Department, as an integral part of the impact analysis phase of Maryland's Statewide Economic Development Plan, establish a program to continually monitor and evaluate the success of efforts by State government, government of local subdivisions, public and private economic development groups, and if feasible, major corporations, to meet Statewide economic development goals and objectives and furthermore, that the Department report to the Senate Economic Affairs Committee and House Economic Matters Committee during the first week of every regular session of the General Assembly on its progress toward establishment of such a monitoring and evaluation program and on the progress that has been made to assist local and other economic development groups to establish specific goals and objectives concerning economic development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, the Secretary of State Planning, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.

Approved April 13, 1976.

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