

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The operation and functions of Crownsville Hospital were first criticized by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, The first report of the Humane Practices Commission to the Governor was critical of the patients' appearances and physical facility conditions at Crownsville; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reallocated almost \$900,000 and 80 positions to statewide community programs in mid-1974; and

WHEREAS, The Crownsville Hospital Superintendent requested that a Task Force be established to review the needs of the Institution; and

WHEREAS, A subcommittee of the Anne Arundel County Delegation was appointed to resolve the controversy surrounding the Crownsville program and budget; and

WHEREAS, The Center was brought to the public's attention as problems were published in a series of newspaper articles; and

WHEREAS, The Governor was requested to provide for the conduct of a thorough comprehensive examination of Crownsville which led to an independent consultant study; and

WHEREAS, The consultant study calls for a reorganization and evacuation of certain buildings presently in use at Crownsville; and

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Committees of the General Assembly, during the 1976 Session, called for a review and determination of the feasibility of consolidation or reallocation, or both, of facilities within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS, The Boys' Village has recently been revitalized and redirected in its program development; and

WHEREAS, The Boys' Village is now a Regional Resource Center for comprehensive health needs, both residential and day care programs; and

WHEREAS, Boys' Village Regional Resource Center after only two years' experience has shown many successes in providing multiservices to meet a wide range of client needs of the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and the juvenile delinquent; ~~now, therefore, be-it~~ and