

and local government agencies which support quasi-State applications in a computerized environment and to recommend steps to be implemented to improve State and local ADP liaison.

WHEREAS, Questions have been raised by the General Assembly concerning the administrative structure of State of Maryland ADP operations, the degree of coordination of ADP activities, and the manner of procurement of ADP equipment and software, which are being addressed by the report of the Subcommittee on State Data Processing of the House of Delegates Committee on Appropriations to the 1977 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, In the process of informing itself of the nature and extent of ADP operations and procedures, the Subcommittee has received testimony from federal government and local government officials who are involved with ADP operations at their government level; and

WHEREAS, The testimony received from the local ADP officials indicates that ADP activities vary widely from county to county, but the existing ADP programs usually serve some of the local functions of State agencies, such as assessments, elections, health, welfare, and education, as well as those exclusively local government activities, such as tax collections, budgetary controls, issuance of permits and licenses, police, water, engineering, and court applications; and

WHEREAS, The variety and extent of local ADP programs indicates a need for a greater degree of interaction and cooperation between State of Maryland ADP operations and local government activities than now obviously exists, leading to beneficial results for both branches of government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning is requested to analyze the problem of inadequate communications between State and local jurisdictions supporting quasi-State computer systems and to recommend specific programs to improve the State/local interrelationships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary report findings, conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than September 1, 1977; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable ~~R. Kenneth Barney~~ Thomas W. Schmidt, Secretary, Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning; Mr. Philip G. Martin, Chief, Management Information Systems