Senate, was appointed by the Governor to make an objective and realistic study of the needs of welfare recipients in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, After public hearings and careful study, the Commission has evaluated the components necessary to enable a family to maintain a minimum decent standard of living in Maryland today; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has carefully analyzed the availability of noncash benefits to Maryland welfare recipients, and has taken the benefits into account in reaching its conclusions; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has reported to the Governor and the General Assembly that the cash requirement for a minimum decent standard of living for a family of three receiving grants under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program is $507 per month, or $6,084 per year, with corresponding changes for various-sized families; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has reported to the Governor and the General Assembly that the cash requirement for a minimum decent standard of living for a single adult receiving grants under the General Public Assistance Program is $288 per month, or $3,456 per year, with corresponding changes for various-sized families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the findings of the Governor's Commission on Welfare Grants be recognized as a realistic statement of the funds needed by individuals and families for a minimally decent life in Maryland today; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor and the General Assembly use these findings, updated annually, as a basis for evaluating budgetary requirements for the various public assistance programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor; Kalman R. Hettleman, Secretary of Human Resources, 1100 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and Thomas W. Schmidt, Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, State Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 6, 1980.

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