

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

~~WHEREAS,--Restoration--of--a--balanced--federalism--is--most urgent,--in--view--of--the:~~

~~(1)--Growing--consensus--among--elected--officials--and--the public--that--program--overlap,--intergovernmental--conflict, waste,--and--unmet--goals--characterize--the--current--system;~~

WHEREAS, The federal system has become distorted in recent years as the result of a proliferation of national categorical grant programs that either bypass the states or treat them as administrative arms of the national government; and

WHEREAS, There is concern that some national programs are not well managed and are not sufficiently effective, efficient, and accountable to the public; and

WHEREAS, Restoration of a proper balance to our federal system is most urgent, in view of the:

(1) Growing consensus among elected officials and the public that the overlapping of programs and conflicts between different levels of government promote waste and leave many goals unmet;

(2) Overall need to limit costs and growth at all levels of government; and

(3) Increased efforts and capacity of state governments to provide services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Congress of the United States and the Administration of President Reagan should:

~~(1)--Further--the--effect--of--the--Federal--Assistance Reform--Act--that--establishes--systematic--procedures--for congressional--consideration--of--grant--consolidations, streamlining--cross-cutting--requirements,--and--appropriating funds--1--year--in--advance--of--the--year--in--which--they--will--be spent;~~

(1) Further efforts at the national level to establish systematic procedures for congressional consideration of grant consolidations, avoid overlapping programs, and appropriate funds 1 year in advance of the year in which they will be spent;

(2) Enact federal fiscal note legislation requiring that the Congressional Budget Office assess the ~~cost~~ immediate and projected costs to state and local governments of legislation pending before Congress as a first step to controlling federal mandates on state and local governments;

(3) Assure that the fiscal effect of federal regulations on state and local governments ~~are~~ is assessed before their promulgation;