WHEREAS, Article 41, Sections 365 through 374A of the Annotated Code of Maryland established the St. Mary's City Commission to preserve, develop, and maintain ancient St. Mary's City, Maryland's first settlement under the Charter; and

WHEREAS, Article 41, Section 181E(m) of the Annotated Code of Maryland directs a joint committee appointed by the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Hall of Records Commission to plan and conduct observances in the Maryland State House for the bicentennial anniversaries of the resignation of General George Washington as Commander-in-Chief on December 23, 1983 and the Ratification of the Treaty of Paris on January 14, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Other public and private institutions and organizations also wish to contribute to and participate in certain events and observances marking these 4 historical events; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly desires that these events be carried out in an historically accurate, cohesive, and dignified manner and to create a coordinating mechanism to assure efficiency and to advise the Governor and the General Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor shall appoint an Advisory Committee to be composed of 1 representative from the Office of the Governor, a member of the Senate, recommended by the President of the Senate, a member of the House of Delegates, recommended by the Speaker of the House, 1 representative each from the Maryland Historical Trust, the Hall of Records Commission, the St. Mary's City Commission, the Maryland Commission on Artistic Property, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Maryland Historical Society, the Maryland Committee for the Humanities, and 3 additional members from the public at large, 2 of whom shall serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation but shall receive the necessary expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as provided in the budget and as permitted by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Advisory Committee shall serve until June 30, 1985 and that it shall report its activities to the Governor and the General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee shall name 5 of its members to constitute an executive committee, which shall act for the Committee pursuant to its direction; and be it further