

WHEREAS, Family physicians/general practitioners provide the most cost effective care to the greatest number of patients as clearly demonstrated by the Manpower Policy for Primary Care Study of the Institution of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; and

WHEREAS, The most recent national and State medical manpower statistics, as well as a 1982 University of Maryland study, demonstrated that while there is a surplus of some medical specialty physicians, there is still a considerable shortage of family physicians/general practitioners nationally, and a shortage in virtually all counties in the State of Maryland, as well as Baltimore City, with the current State shortage ranging from 753 to 974 and projected shortages in year 2000 ranging from 972 to 1,193; and

WHEREAS, It is most important that the basic health care of the people of the State of Maryland be assured; and

WHEREAS, The current and projected production of family physicians/general practitioners is inadequate to meet the needs of the State; and

WHEREAS, Many family physicians/general practitioners currently in practice are nearing retirement age and thus creating a further shortage; and

WHEREAS, Most physicians remain in the state where they have received medical school and residency training; and

WHEREAS, It takes 7 years after college to train a family physician/general practitioner; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor Chairman of the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission is requested to appoint a commission conduct a study to determine the current as well as the projected need for family physicians/general practitioners in the State of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this commission study shall be conducted in cooperation with interested practitioners, educators, and others and shall assess the financial resources available and necessary to provide the appropriate medical school and residency training in family practice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission provide its final report and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 1983; and be it further

RESOLVED, ---That---the---commission---be---composed---of---1 representative---from---each---of---the---following---the---Senate---of Maryland,---the---House---of---Delegates---of---Maryland,---the---Johns---Hopkins University---School---of---Medicine,---the---University---of---Maryland---School of---Medicine,---the---Maryland---Academy---of---Family---Physicians,---the