

WHEREAS, The handicap of the majority of hearing-impaired children is one of communication and not of intellect and, therefore, they are capable, with appropriate and timely intervention, of becoming gainfully employed, productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the direct assistance to the children identified, early identification will provide valuable information which can be used by the State for future planning; and

WHEREAS, Fifteen other states have already established early identification and follow-up systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene develop ~~and--implement~~ procedures for the ~~screening~~, identification of present or potential hearing impairment at birth-- and follow-up of infants who have or may develop a hearing impairment in accordance with the guidelines established by the 1982 Joint Committee on Infant Hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene present written recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the President of the Senate by January 1, 1984; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor; the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, 1100 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; the Director of the Office for the Coordination of Services to the Handicapped, 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; Director of the Office for Children and Youth, Suite 1502, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; the Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Special Education, Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; the Superintendent, Maryland School for the Deaf, P.O. Box 250, 101 Clark Place, Frederick, Maryland 21701; Director, Mental Health Center for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, 300 Thomas Drive, Laurel, Maryland 20707; President, Maryland Association of the Deaf, 308 Timberwood Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901; Chairman of the Fetus and Newborn Committee, Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, c/o 13029 Old Stagecoach Road, Apt. 2713, Laurel, Maryland 20708; President, Maryland Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 805 Aster Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20850; Children's Rights Coordinator, A. G. Bell Association for the Deaf, 8123 Scottslevel Road, Pikesville, Maryland 21208; President, Maryland Otolaryngological Society, 2122 Cedar Circle Drive, Catonsville, Maryland 21228; President, Washington Area Group for the Hard of Hearing, P.O. Box 6283, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906; President, Maryland Nurses Association, 5820 S.W. Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21227;