

WHEREAS, There are currently 434,000 Marylanders age 65 or over, the number of senior citizens is increasing at an estimated rate of 3 percent each year, 40 percent of the elderly persons in this State are over age 75, and large numbers of these individuals are considered at risk with regard to physiological or psychological dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, Senior citizen centers are widely recognized as an effective means for providing a variety of essential services to elderly people and sufficient financial resources are needed to sustain the quality and range of services offered by senior citizen centers statewide; and

WHEREAS, The efficient development and utilization of funds designated to support the operation of senior citizen centers require a comprehensive effort directed toward review, planning, and continued implementation of program objectives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish the Task Force on Senior Citizen Activity Centers to examine:

- (1) The State's role in the financing of services and programs provided by senior citizen centers;
- (2) Maryland's history of involvement with the operation and development of senior citizen centers;
- (3) Existing programs and services currently provided by senior citizen centers; and
- (4) The future development of services and activities by senior citizen centers in Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force consist of 9 members appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- (3) Five members appointed by the Governor, including two members from the Maryland Association of Senior Centers, one member from the Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and two members who are senior citizens who utilize senior citizen centers within the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of the Maryland State Office on Aging should serve as an ex officio member of the Task Force; and be it further