

valuable asset through educational programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Forest management is recognized as a desirable means of protecting and enhancing the forest resource; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day will be celebrated with a number of activities across the State that relate to tree planting and forest conservation; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that these activities and programs are vital to the future of the State's forest resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to designate 1984 "The Year of the Forest" to promote the State's forest resources, to support the cooperative efforts of public agencies, private organizations, and industry, and to expand public awareness of Maryland's forests; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Royden P. Dyson, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and the Secretary of Natural Resources, Dr. Torrey C. Brown, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 15, 1984.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 16)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Medical Transplant Study Commission

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a commission to study the facilitation of liver and other organ transplants in this State.

WHEREAS, There is a continuing lack of resources in this State to provide for anatomical organ transplants, particularly liver transplants; and

WHEREAS, Liver and other organ transplants are expensive, requiring as much as \$175,000 prior to surgery; and