

FOR the purpose of urging the local governing bodies of each county--and--Baltimore--City to give priority to community crime prevention programs and to set aside in their federal grant applications, a percentage for neighborhood crime prevention programs.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland finds that crime prevention programs that are conceived and operated by the community which they serve offer effective and long-term means of combatting crime; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland State Sheriff's Association and the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association support community crime prevention programs and work closely with community groups to combat crime; and

WHEREAS, The National Crime Prevention Coalition in 1983 selected Maryland as the State with the best community crime prevention program in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Under provisions of federal legislation which has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate and may be enacted in 1984, Maryland will receive over \$1,000,000 this year in federal funds to fight crime; and

WHEREAS, This legislation provides descretionary discretionary grant funds for community crime fighting programs, and local governments will be able to submit grant applications directly to the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, No State or local funds must be committed to receive the federal grant moneys; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this-Body the General Assembly strongly recommends that local governments consider neighborhood security watch programs a crime-fighting priority; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this--Body the General Assembly recommends that local governments set aside, in their federal grant applications, a percentage for neighborhood crime prevention programs should the Federal legislation be enacted into law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to: the Honorable-William-Donald-Schafer, Mayor of Baltimore, 100 North Holiday Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; and the appropriate 23 counties by the Maryland Association of Counties, 169 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; and Maryland Municipal League, 76 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 15, 1984.

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