

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

(3) 5 women and minority business owners representing both traditional and nontraditional businesses; a member of the public; and a designee of the Governor, all of whom to be appointed by the Governor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor designate the Chairman of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor in 2 reports by December 15, 1987 and December 15, 1988; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff for the Task Force be provided by the Governor's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

(1) Review current State financed programs to ensure that they are meeting their statutory responsibility regarding women and minority business entrepreneurs entrepreneurs;

(2) Evaluate the effectiveness and outreach of existing training and management programs available to women and minorities in business through the United States Government's Small Business Administration, SCORE (Senior Core of Retired Executives), community colleges, and other programs;

(3) Examine the procurement process to determine the degree of participation by women-owned and minority-owned businesses and how to improve their access to the process;

(4) Review bank loan programs and management assistance services to ensure that the women-owned and minority-owned business community is aware of all the forms of assistance available;

(5) Make plans for the creation of a venture capital network or other mechanism that provides matching funds;

(6) Examine incubator programs designed for women and minority business entrepreneurs entrepreneurs;

(7) Identify problem areas that inhibit the ability of women and minorities to participate fully in business; and

(8) Make recommendations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to J. Randall Evans, Secretary of Economic and Community Development, 45 Calvert St., Annapolis, Maryland 21401; Earl F. Seboda, Secretary of General Services, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; and the