WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

WHEREAS, Existing public and private programs available to assist women and minority business entrepeneurs entrepreneurs are not utilized to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of success of women and minorities in business could be increased by better information, better programs and easier access to the program programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a task force to study women and minority business entrepeneurs entrepreneurs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force be composed of:

- (1) 2 members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- (2) A representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development; a representative of the Department of General Services; a representative of the financial community; a representative of higher education and a representative from the Maryland Commission on Women; and
- (3) 5 women <u>and minority</u> 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 entrepeneurs 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