

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

RESOLVED--BY--THE--GENERAL--ASSEMBLY--OF--MARYLAND,--That--the--Governor--direct--the--Secretary--of--the--Department--of--Health--and--Mental--Hygiene--promptly--to--appoint--a--special--investigative--committee--to--investigate--and--evaluate--the--indoor--air--quality--of--State--office--the--Environment--to--establish--a--task--force--to--study--and--evaluate--the--problem--of--indoor--air--quality--of--public--buildings,--and--be--it--further

RESOLVED,--That--the--special--investigative--committee--task--force--appointed--by--the--Secretary--prepare--and--submit--a--written--report--of--its--findings--to--the--Secretary,--including--specific--recommendations--for--legislation--or--regulations--to--be--adopted--to--ensure--the--fullest--possible--protection--of--the--health--and--welfare--of--State--employees--the--citizens--of--the--State--required--to--work--in--State--office--public--buildings--on--a--daily--basis,--and--be--it--further

RESOLVED,--That--the--Secretary--submit--the--report--of--the--special--investigative--committee--task--force--to--the--Governor,--the--President--of--the--Senate,--and--the--Speaker--of--the--House--of--Delegates--on--or--before--December--31,--1988:

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that most Americans spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in the late 1970's, as interest in energy conservation increased, new weatherization and building tightening techniques were developed; and

WHEREAS, While these energy conservation methods did reduce our energy needs they also contributed to the trapping and buildup of indoor air pollutants because of the lack of appropriate ventilation; and

WHEREAS, Additional attention needs to be focused on the causes and solutions to "Sick Building Syndrome" where the indoor air in office buildings and schools is adversely affecting the health of the occupants; and

WHEREAS, Indoor air pollution presents an increased risk to the health of the elderly, women, and children who spend much of their days indoors; and

WHEREAS, Indoor air pollution thus constitutes a real threat to the health and well-being of virtually every American; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality to study the existence of dangerous levels of indoor air pollution in homes and buildings in Maryland, including but not limited to respirable particulates such as asbestos fibers, allergens and pathogens, vapors and gases such as carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, radon, nitrogen oxides and other volatile