

traditional communist methods referred to above, and in accordance with carefully conceived plans, already caused the establishment in numerous foreign countries, against the will of the people of those countries, of ruthless communist totalitarian dictatorships, and threatens to establish similar dictatorships in still other countries; and

WHEREAS, the recent successes of communist methods in other countries and the nature and control of the world communist movement itself present a clear and present danger to the security of the United States and the State of Maryland, and the other States which form this Union, and to the existence of free American institutions and makes it necessary that Congress and the General Assembly of Maryland and the Legislatures of other States enact appropriate legislation recognizing the existence of such world-wide conspiracy and designed to prevent it from accomplishing its purposes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland, at its regular session in the year 1947, passed a law proposing an amendment to Article XV of the Constitution of Maryland prohibiting any person who is a member of an organization which advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of the State of Maryland, through force or violence, from any position of profit or trust in the government of the State of Maryland or in the government of any political subdivision of the State, and said proposed constitutional amendment will be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption at the election to be held in November of this year; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland is desirous that the Governor appoint a Committee to study, investigate and report the need for other and further legislation for the protection of the democratic principles and ideals of this State and for the exposure and expurgation of subversive and other illegal activities in the State of Maryland; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Governor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to appoint, on or before July 1, 1948, a Committee to be known as the Committee on Subversive Activities, said Committee to be composed of three members of the Senate, to be designated by the President of the Senate, three members of the House of Delegates, to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and five residents and citizens of the State of Maryland, to be designated by the Governor, and that one of said eleven members shall be designated by the Governor to serve as Chairman of said Committee; and be it further