

JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED
by the
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
and the
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

No. 1

(House Joint Resolution No. 47)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Gubernatorial Task Force - Teenage Child, Teenage, and
Young Adult Suicide and Other Associated Mental Health Problems

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to establish a task force to develop and implement a plan to combat teenage child, teenage, and young adult suicide and other associated mental health problems confronting today's youth; directing the task force to consider certain matters and involve certain State and local government agencies and institutions and other individuals in the development of its plan; providing for the membership and staffing for the task force; providing that the task force issue a report to the General Assembly and Governor by a certain date; and generally relating to establishing a task force to address teenage child, teenage, and young adult suicide and other associated mental health problems affecting teenagers children, teenagers, and young adults.

WHEREAS, Peer pressure, family-related conflicts, educational demands, and other youthful concerns can be extremely burdensome and oftentimes difficult for today's teenagers children, teenagers, and young adults to cope with; and

WHEREAS, Teenage child Child, teenage, and young adult suicide, bulimia, anorexia, and other teenage child, teenage, and young adult mental health disorders are becoming an increasingly serious problem among youth in the State; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that Maryland's teenage--youth children, teenagers, and young adults, and the adults responsible for and who interact with them in their daily lives, be better informed about the pressures faced by today's teenagers children, teenagers, and young adults; and

WHEREAS, There is a particular need to involve teenagers children, teenagers, and young adults, their parents, and the schools, and social service agencies in recognizing, addressing, and combating these serious mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, An organizational framework is needed to focus the efforts of State and local communities and mental health agencies, together with families, educational institutions, and others involved in programs geared to combat teenage child, teenage, and young adult suicide among today's teenagers children, teenagers, and young adults; now, therefore, be it