

WHEREAS, The continued deterioration will result in the necessity to close the bridge; and

WHEREAS, The deterioration mandates that the concrete bridge deck be completely removed and replaced as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation is now in the position to commence procedures for the selection of an engineering consultant to prepare detailed plans and specifications for this project; and

WHEREAS, Full compliance with the selection requirements set forth in Section 2-309(a) of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code will involve a delay of several months in the development of the plans and specifications and will therefore delay the completion of the project and may tend to harm the competitive position of the Port and the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, On the advice of the Secretary of Transportation, I am convinced that such a delay is not only unwarranted but would be harmful to the health and general welfare of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-309(b) of the Transportation Article of the Code authorizes the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board to waive the requirements of Section 2-309(a) when a State emergency is declared by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, I believe that an emergency as contemplated by Section 2-309(b) does exist, and that in this instance the waiver of the requirements of Section 2-309(a) will not be detrimental to the State or its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF AN ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO PREPARE DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE BRIDGE THAT CARRIES U.S. ROUTE 1 ON THE CONOWINGO DAM, AND EMERGENCY HAS AND CONTINUES TO EXIST, WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 2-309(B) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE CODE.

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PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION  
OF NOVEMBER 24, 1980