

April 8, 1984, signed this aforementioned Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 703 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1984, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 703 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1984, AS CODIFIED IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, SECTION 4-306 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1983 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1984 SUPPLEMENT), TO BE VALID AND EFFECTIVE.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF NOVEMBER 23, 1984

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HOUSING POLICY FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND

WHEREAS, An important public purpose of State government is to provide the opportunity for its citizens to occupy safe, decent, and affordable housing, without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, A significant proportion of the citizens of the State of Maryland are living on fixed incomes, are a part of a special population that cannot afford to be served by the private housing market, or are unemployed; and

WHEREAS, The cost of housing is often the single most expensive item in the budget of most Marylanders; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Housing Policy Commission is authorized by Maryland Annotated Code, Article 41, Section 257D, to advise the Secretary of Economic and Community Development on plans and programs for increasing the housing supply and the opportunity for home ownership by low and moderate income citizens and to recommend state housing policy to the Governor and General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, AND IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MARYLAND HOUSING POLICY COMMISSION, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. It is the policy of the State of Maryland to cooperate with the federal government, local governments, non-profit organizations, and the private sector to assure that every citizen of the State enjoys without discrimination the use of safe and decent housing, the cost of which does not place an unreasonable financial burden upon the individual or