

WHEREAS, A permanent Council on the Environment was created, by Governor Mandel, to coordinate the policies and practices of State government to ensure the quality of its environment and, on a continuing basis, to review and make appropriate recommendations concerning the environment; and

WHEREAS, This Council provided an interagency coordination for a period of time, but, recently, it has been utilized less frequently than is warranted; and

WHEREAS, Interagency conflicts exist with respect to protection of the environment, the production of energy, and the encouragement of private industry; and

WHEREAS, A restructured Council could settle disputes and expedite coordinated action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. There is a Council on the Economy, the Environment, and Energy Production.

2. The Council consists of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Secretaries of Budget and Fiscal Planning, of Economic and Community Development, of Health and Mental Hygiene, of Natural Resources, of State Planning, and of Transportation.

3. The Council shall assist in the development of a coordinated policy for the development of natural resources, the protection of the environment, and the stimulus of the economy.

4. The Council shall assist in the resolution of potential conflicts between the interests of private industry and the protection and development of the State's environment.

5. All State agencies and their employees shall cooperate fully with the Council in the development and implementation of its policies and shall provide promptly information or other assistance requested by the Council.

6. Executive Order 01.01.1970.01, which created the Council on the Environment, and