

WHEREAS, Chapter 885 provides that full responsibility for the collection and disbursement of domestic support payments will be transferred, in certain counties and Baltimore City, from the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Bureau of Support Enforcement of the Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, The law further provides that this transfer of responsibilities will be completed by January 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of sound and efficient administration of the domestic collection program that the transition of duties contemplated by the law proceed in stages; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources and the Division of Parole and Probation have mutually agreed upon a plan for the transfer of the duties and functions previously assigned to the employees of the Division of Parole and Probation as contemplated by this law; and

WHEREAS, The earliest possible implementation of this transition will assist the State of Maryland in alleviating the overcrowding in State prisons by permitting additional Parole and Probation Agents heretofore assigned to domestic support collection activities to concentrate on criminal supervision and investigation functions; and

WHEREAS, The early implementation of this transition will also assist the State in coordinating the functions of the Bureau of Support Enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 6 AND 24 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. The Department of Human Resources and the Division of Parole and Probation, and all other appropriate State agencies, shall cooperate with each other to ensure that the transfer of duties mandated by Chapter 885 of the Acts of 1978 is implemented in an efficient and orderly manner.

2. (a) The Department of Human Resources and the Division of Parole and Probation shall immediately take necessary action to assure the completion of the transfer of responsibility for