

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is blessed by having within its borders the magnificent Chesapeake Bay, which provides one of the best recreational environments in the world, and

WHEREAS, The Bay area supports in abundance such fish and game as: rockfish, white perch, blue crabs, wild ducks, Canadian geese, and deer, and is a virtual hunter and fisherman's paradise, and

WHEREAS, The Bay Country with its many large and small tributaries is unsurpassed in its attraction for those who love such water activities as sailing, yachting, speed boat racing and swimming, and

WHEREAS, The beauty and serenity of the rural bay area provide a refreshing change of pace for any urbanite attempting to escape from the pressure of highly accelerated modern city life, and

WHEREAS, The region is truly the "cradle" of the United States and provides many historic sites, which all Americans interested in their nation's history should see, and

WHEREAS, This vacation wonderland lies within easy commuting distance from the vast overcrowded megalopolis in which most of the population of the Eastern United States reside, and

WHEREAS, Because of these facts Maryland and particularly the Chesapeake Bay area should be one of the prime tourist areas in this country, but in fact it is not, and

WHEREAS, It is a tragedy that the tourist potential of the Bay area is nowhere near being reached and one of the main reasons is the State's failure to sufficiently promote this region, and

WHEREAS, There are many events in the Bay area such as: Oyster Sailing Fleet Races, Skipjack Sailing Festival, Clam Festival, Crab Derby, Water Ski Tournament, National Muskrat Trappers Championship, various scheduled cruises of the Bay and various sail and motor regattas which do bring tourists but not as many as could be brought with more promotional activity, and

WHEREAS, Maryland which is unique in having this wonderful tourist attraction is obviously not cashing in on it and is only thirty-eighth among states in money spent on travel development and its spending on this item equals only one-fifth the amount its sister state on the Bay, Virginia, spends, and

WHEREAS, With shorter and shorter work weeks and more time for travel and recreation, tourism is becoming more and more one of the leading industries in our nation, and

WHEREAS, Any money spent on tourism is a high yielding investment since an influx of tourist money into the Tidewater Counties of Maryland would greatly help the economics of these counties and the State as a whole, and

WHEREAS, In August 1967 one of the world's widest read travel magazines "National Geographic" is publishing a story on the Chesapeake Bay titled "Skipjack" by the highly respected author Louis Marden and thus casting the view of the world upon us, and