

WHEREAS, The 1976 regular session of the General Assembly expires at midnight following the night of April 12, 1976, and the seventh day prior to that expiration ended at midnight following the night of April 5, 1976; and

WHEREAS, As of midnight following the night of April 5, 1976, the Budget Bill for fiscal year 1976-77 (House Bill 900, Senate Bill 370) had not been finally acted upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, by virtue of the authority and direction contained in Article III, Section 52(10) of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby extend the 1976 regular session of the General Assembly until midnight following the night of May 12, 1976, or such earlier time as the Budget Bill for fiscal year 1976-77 has been finally acted upon, whichever shall first occur, subject, however, to such further extensions as may be proclaimed in accordance with Article III, Section 52(10) of the Constitution if the said Budget Bill has not been finally acted upon by midnight following the night of May 12, 1976.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAY 25, 1976

OPEN MEETINGS POLICY

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland, by the passage of Senate Bill 289 (1976 Session), has indicated its determination that, as a matter of State policy, public bodies should give public notice of its meetings, conduct their meetings in an open manner, and keep minutes of their proceedings, unless there is some recognized reason not to do so; and

WHEREAS, Although Senate Bill 289 was vetoed because of various uncertainties as to its scope, application, and possible interpretation, the policy that it expressed is important to the continued confidence of the public in the operation of government at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of that policy should commence as soon as possible, and long before the proposed effective date of Senate Bill 289 of July 1, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Article 41, Section 14 of the Annotated Code of