

PROCLAMATION OF JUNE 16, 1978

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, At the present time the Port of Baltimore is in a congested state and a pressing need exists for additional terminal facilities; and

WHEREAS, Said additional terminal facilities are necessary to the continuance of the Port of Baltimore as a major United States Port and to the continuance of the economic prosperity of this State; and

WHEREAS, To meet this pressing need, the Department of Transportation has developed a program for construction of a cargo handling facility at the Hawkins Point Marine Terminal; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation is now in the position to commence procedures for the selection of an engineering consultant to prepare detailed plans and specifications for this project; and

WHEREAS, Full compliance with the selection requirements set forth in Section 2-309(a) of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will involve a delay of several months in the development of the plans and specifications and will therefore delay the completion of the project and may tend to harm the competitive position of the Port and the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, Upon the advice of the Secretary of Transportation, I am convinced that such a delay, in this instance, is not only unwarranted but would be harmful to the health and general welfare of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-309(b) of the Transportation Article of the Code authorizes the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board to waive the requirements of Section 2-309(a) when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, I have been assured that, if the provisions of Section 2-309(a) are waived, the Maryland Port Administration intends to solicit proposals from at least five competent firms, it will consider both price and technical considerations in making its selection, and the process can be completed within 90 days; and

WHEREAS, Upon these assurances, I believe that an emergency as contemplated by Section 2-309(b) does exist, and that the waiver of the requirements of Section