

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

between drug and alcohol abuse and criminal behavior, evidenced by the fact that more than 70 percent of the inmates in the State's prison system have a history of drug and alcohol abuse;

WHEREAS, Drug and alcohol abuse costs Maryland an estimated \$4 billion annually in lost productivity and absenteeism;

WHEREAS, At least 21 percent of all AIDS cases in Maryland are associated with intravenous drug use, which percentage is expected to increase significantly in the next five years;

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the State develop a comprehensive and coordinated strategy to reduce illegal drug use and alcohol and drug abuse through innovative, more effective and less duplicative prevention, education, treatment, and law enforcement at all levels of government;

WHEREAS, The State needs the capability to collect and analyze information to support planning, development and evaluation of a statewide strategy; and

WHEREAS, The immediacy of the crisis demands prompt action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

A. Within the Executive Office of the Governor, there is a Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission.

B. The Commission consists of the following individuals:

- (1) The Attorney General;
- (2) The Secretary of Human Resources;
- (3) The Secretary of Natural Resources;
- (4) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- (5) The State Superintendent of Schools;
- (6) The Secretary of Transportation;
- (7) The Director of the Juvenile Services Agency;
- (8) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- (9) The Secretary of Personnel;
- (10) Two members of the Senate appointed by the