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The Governor's personal appeal for a turnout of voters followed an earlier executive action of declaring Tuesday, June 13th, a legal holiday. This permits the closing of State offices and schools, banks and certain other commercial institutions.

The Governor also observed that State law requires any businesses which are operating to give their employees reasonable time off in which to vote.

The text of his broadcast appeal follows:

"Marylanders:

"On Tuesday, June 13th, you will face an awesome responsibility and an historic opportunity. Your choice of delegates to the Constitutional Convention will affect the course of this State, not just for four years, but probably for the next century.

"Your participation in this election is imperative. Your representatives will be authorized to draft a new constitution shaping the future power, scope and form of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of our government.

"Their efforts will determine whether our State and local governments will operate with efficiency, and whether we progress or stand still in such vital areas as public education and human rights.

"I urge you to learn where your candidates stand. Vote for those who share your views, but even more important support those candidates whose integrity you respect.

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"Vote on June 13!"