

WHEREAS, because of the remoteness of railway facilities to a large section of the territory through which said canal passes there is urgent necessity for an efficient carrier to move the increasing crops of the planters of said section, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable J. Hampton Moore, a member of Congress from the State of Pennsylvania, has heretofore introduced in the House of Representatives a Joint Resolution requesting the President of the United States to take over said canal, improve and operate it for the purposes of national defense, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frederick N. Zihlman, a member of Congress from the State of Maryland, did on January 8, 1918, introduce in the House of Representatives a Bill authorizing the President of the United States, through the Secretary of War, to take possession of, and assume control of, said canal, and utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary, of all other traffic thereon, for the transportation of war material and equipment, or for such other purposes connected with the present emergency as may be needful or desirable, said bill providing for a revolving fund of \$1,000,000 for the improving and proper equipment of said canal, and

WHEREAS, after thorough investigation it may be found feasible to improve and operate said canal in accordance with the general scheme of transportation intrusted to the Director General of Railroads, Honorable William G. McAdoo, and further by the construction and operation of a railway along the level of said canal from Washington Junction, in the State of Maryland, to and into the District of Columbia:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Hon. Frederick N. Zihlman, and his colleagues in Congress from the State of Maryland, be requested to use all honorable means to have said canal operated by the federal government and equipped with a fleet of barges and boats sufficient not only to provide the residents of the City of Washington, and the government agencies therein, with fuel during the war crisis, which is urgently needed, but further to provide adequate transportation for the extensive food supplies and crops of grain from the rich agricultural section through which said canal passes, and, if found feasible, the construction and operation of a railway along the level of said canal from Washington Junction, in the State of Maryland, to