

but also supplies water to the residents and business places and industrial plants situated in portions of Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Howard Counties; and

WHEREAS, the population of, and the business activities in, Baltimore City and those portions of Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Howard Counties to which the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore supplies water have greatly increased in recent years and the outlying areas of Baltimore City and sections of the aforementioned counties have been developed for residential, commercial and industrial purposes, all of which has increased the already great demand for water; and

WHEREAS, the existing sources of supply of raw water and the facilities for the treatment and distribution of such water available to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are inadequate to meet all of the demands which are being made upon said municipality for water; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore immediately commence to make studies and prepare plans to obtain additional sources of raw water for its water supply facilities in order that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may be able in the future to supply a sufficient volume of water reasonably to satisfy the requirements of the residents of, and the commercial and industrial enterprises located in, Baltimore City and the aforementioned parts of Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Howard Counties; and

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that the raw water supply and the water system of Baltimore City immediately be extended, enlarged, developed and improved to protect the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore does not have sufficient funds to extend, enlarge, develop and improve the raw water supply and the water system of Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland has determined and hereby declares that an acute emergency exists in connection with the raw water supply and the water system of the City of Baltimore and that it is in the general public welfare that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be authorized and empowered to borrow funds to extend, enlarge, develop and improve its raw water supply and its water system; therefore