

safety of the people in the County by being adequately equipped to deal with the problem of the influx of population and adequately prepared to meet the problems incident thereto; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that post-war events may require the participation by the County Commissioners of Montgomery County in a program of reconstruction, improvement or expansion of municipal and public works, facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, it is, therefore, necessary in the public interest, as an initial step, that the County Commissioners of Montgomery County be adequately empowered to finance any of the foregoing needs as they may occur from time to time and that said County be immediately enabled to place its present debt structure on a sound and economical basis so that the County may be prepared for such future demands and obligations above outlined; now, therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in addition to its corporate powers heretofore granted, the County Commissioners of Montgomery County (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "County"), be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to—(a) acquire by purchase, gift, devise or bequest sites for County Schools, and to enlarge or improve such sites, and to construct, improve, develop, enlarge or extend existing County Schools, and to construct new school buildings and grounds and purchase the physical equipment necessary or incident thereto; (b) acquire, lay out, open, construct and maintain County roads, streets and highways, or street or highway viaducts or bridges; (c) contribute toward the cost of highway projects and construction of the Maryland State Roads Commission, located in Montgomery County; (d) acquire by purchase, gift, devise or bequest or erect community recreation and public assembly buildings and swimming pools and the physical equipment necessary or incident thereto; (e) enlarge, move or replace existing County public buildings; (f) acquire by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, land for park sites and for an airport site or sites; (g) contribute toward the cost of any public works in Montgomery County for the purpose of obtaining grants of Federal aid in carrying out any such public work; (h) contribute such a sum or sums as may be determined by the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for or toward the erection of community recreation and public assembly buildings or public offices or swimming pools in either Bethesda, Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Gaithersburg or Rockville, or in such other locations in Montgomery County as