

WHEREAS, approximately Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) in cash, plus the site of sixteen (16) acres, have been contributed on this Center in voluntary contributions and paid by the citizens of Wicomico County, and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 47 of the Laws of the General Assembly of Maryland (1959 Session) the said Wicomico War Memorial Builders, Inc. have, pursuant thereto, entered into an Agreement with the County Commissioners of Wicomico County that when said Civic Auditorium and land are free and clear of all liens, that said land and Center will then be reconveyed unto said County Commissioners without consideration, and

WHEREAS, the Center has been widely used by the citizens of Wicomico County during its operation and it has proven to be a most valuable asset to Wicomico County, and

WHEREAS, the said Wicomico War Memorial Builders, Inc. have executed a Deed of Trust securing the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) with interest at five per cent (5%) per annum, said note secured by the Deed of Trust being payable to three (3) banking corporations in the City of Salisbury, which said Deed of Trust is a lien on the land and said Center, and

WHEREAS, a campaign has recently been conducted to raise by subscription, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to pay off the said Deed of Trust and it now appears to those in charge of said campaign that it will be impossible to raise the entire amount within the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, pursuant to Section 18 of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition) have leased the Center from the owners thereof and are obligated to pay as rent therefor the interest on said Deed of Trust, which amounts to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) a year, which said sum the County Commissioners are appropriating each year in their annual levying, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners deem it to the best interest of the public of said County to levy and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) during the fiscal year of 1961-62, said sum to be paid to the Wicomico War Memorial Builders, Inc. to be applied by said Corporation on the payment of the principal of the aforementioned Deed of Trust, which said payment the County Commissioners deem will not cause an increase in the local tax rate for said fiscal year.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Wicomico County are hereby authorized and empowered to levy the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) during the fiscal year 1961-62 and appropriate the same to the use of Wicomico War Memorial Builders, Inc., a Maryland corporation, said sum so appropriated to be applied on the payment of the principal due on a Deed of Trust executed by the Wicomico War Memorial Builders, Inc., dated November 3, 1959, unto E. Dale Adkins, Jr., Stanley G. Robins and John W. T. Webb, Trustees, and recorded among the Land Records for Wicomico County, Maryland, in Liber J.W.T.S. No. 488, Folio 125,