

Federally financed portion of the construction cost in the event the Federal appropriation requires such participation.

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the area and population of the State of Maryland is encompassed within the Potomac River Basin and looks to, and depends upon, the Potomac River and its tributaries for water supply, low flow augmentation, recreation, and similar benefits, while at the same time, needing flood control protection in various locations, and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland as a whole is vitally interested in the maintenance of, and improvements to, the Potomac River Basin in order to assure benefits to present and future residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, by Public Law 87-874, 87th Congress, H. R. 13272, October 23, 1962, the Congress of the United States authorized the United States Army Corps of Engineers to undertake the design of an impoundment project in the Potomac River Basin in the Bloomington area, generally known as the Bloomington Dam Project, for multi-use purposes, such as flood control, low flow augmentation, water supply and recreation; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States is to consider the appropriation of funds for the construction of the project at an early date; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland understands that the Federal legislation for the Bloomington Dam Project may require that a portion of the construction costs be allocated to the beneficiaries of the increased water supply which is expected to be made available thereby, such beneficiaries, including the State of Maryland, the State of West Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland believes that the Bloomington Dam's expected and contemplated benefits are of sufficient importance that assurances should be made of the State's interest in the project and of its willingness to appropriate funds if necessary to advance on behalf of its political subdivisions and agency beneficiaries their respective shares of non-Federally financed portion of the construction costs; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland understands that the Governors of the State of West Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are similarly considering measures to indicate their respective States' and jurisdictions' interest in the Bloomington Dam Project and an ability on the part of their respective political subdivisions and agencies to pay their respective shares of the non-Federally financed portion of the construction costs; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Congress of the United States be requested and urged to appropriate as expeditiously as possible funds necessary to proceed with the early construction of the Bloomington Dam Project; and be it further,

*Resolved,* That in the event the Federal Legislation appropriating money for the construction and operation of the Bloomington Dam