

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the Nation, provides the livelihoods of thousands of people in the State of Maryland and her sister State of Virginia, resulting annually in millions of dollars in wages and products; and

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay serves as one of the world's major waterways, each year carrying millions of tons of water-borne shipping to and from all parts of the globe; and

WHEREAS, In recent years the productivity and beauty of the Chesapeake Bay has been diminished and threatened by shore erosion, pollution, sedimentation and changes in the Bay's ecology; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States recognized the need to preserve and protect the valuable national resource which is the Chesapeake Bay by its enactment of Section 312 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1965 authorizing the construction of the Chesapeake Bay Study and Hydraulic Model to be located at Matapeake in Queen Anne's County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has included in the proposed fiscal 1972-1973 Federal budget now pending before the Congress of the United States a requested appropriation in the sum of \$4,350,000 to accomplish the construction and implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Study and Hydraulic Model, which appropriation is now being considered by the Committees on Appropriations of the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, The funds requested by the President are vitally needed immediately to carry out a complete investigation and study of future water utilization and control of the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding tributaries and basin, including navigation, fisheries, flood control, water pollution, nuclear power plant siting, water quality control, industrialization, beach erosion and recreation; and

WHEREAS, The government of the State of Maryland has pledged its full cooperation and support for the construction and operation of the Chesapeake Bay Study and Hydraulic Model project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on behalf of the people of the State of Maryland the General Assembly pledges its complete endorsement and support for the immediate appropriation by the Congress of the United States of the funds requested by the President for this project and requests that the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives approve such appropriations in the full amount requested as soon as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to send copies of this joint resolution to the President of the United States, the members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation and to the Chairman and each member of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the United States House of Representatives.

Approved May 5, 1972.