

THAT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN IS FEASIBLE, ADVISABLE, AND URGENTLY NEEDED, AND HAS RECOMMENDED THAT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMPACT WITH FEDERAL PARTICIPATION BE CONSUMMATED TO THIS END; AND

5. THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE RECOGNIZED A NATIONAL INTEREST IN THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN BY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES TO COOPERATE IN MAKING COMPREHENSIVE SURVEYS AND REPORTS CONCERNING THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN IN WHICH INDIVIDUALLY OR SEVERALLY THE TECHNICAL AID AND ASSISTANCE OF MANY FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ENLISTED, AND WHICH ARE BEING OR HAVE BEEN COORDINATED THROUGH A SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN STUDY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON WHICH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ITS PREDECESSOR HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY, THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION, AND THE STATES OF NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, AND MARYLAND ARE OR WERE REPRESENTED; AND

6. SOME THREE MILLION PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK IN THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN AND ITS ENVIRONS, AND THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE REGION AND THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELL-BEING OF ITS POPULATION ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED VITALLY BY THE CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL OF THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE BASIN; AND

7. DEMANDS UPON THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE BASIN ARE EXPECTED TO MOUNT BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN POPULATION AND BY REASON OF INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE BASIN AND ITS SERVICE AREA; AND

8. WATER RESOURCES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ARE TECHNICAL, COMPLEX, AND EXPENSIVE, OFTEN REQUIRING FIFTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS FROM THE CONCEPTION TO THE COMPLETION OF LARGE OR EXTENSIVE PROJECTS; AND

9. THE PUBLIC INTEREST REQUIRES THAT FACILITIES MUST BE READY AND OPERATIVE WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED, TO