

12. "PERSON" SHALL MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, AND THE LIKE AND SHALL HAVE NO GENDER, AND THE SINGULAR SHALL INCLUDE THE PLURAL.

1.3. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS. --THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY PARTIES HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE:

1. THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN ARE AFFECTED WITH A LOCAL, STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL INTEREST, AND THE PLANNING, CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL OF THESE RESOURCES, UNDER APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, ARE PUBLIC PURPOSES OF THE RESPECTIVE SIGNATORY PARTIES.

2. THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE BASIN ARE SUBJECT TO THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SIGNATORY PARTIES, AND IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT TO PROVIDE FOR A JOINT EXERCISE OF THESE POWERS OF SOVEREIGNTY IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION.

3. THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE BASIN ARE FUNCTIONALLY INTERRELATED, AND THE USES OF THESE RESOURCES ARE INTERDEPENDENT. A SINGLE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL DIRECTION, SUPERVISION, AND COORDINATION OF WATER RESOURCES EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

4. PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS REQUIRE INCREASING ECONOMIES AND EFFICIENCIES IN THE USE AND REUSE OF WATER RESOURCES, AND THESE CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT ONLY BY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND MANAGEMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A SINGLE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY.

5. IN GENERAL, THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT ARE TO PROMOTE INTERSTATE COMITY; TO REMOVE CAUSES OF POSSIBLE CONTROVERSY; TO MAKE SECURE AND PROTECT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE STATES; TO ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE PLANNING, CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL OF THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE BASIN; TO PROVIDE FOR COOPERATIVE AND COORDINATED PLANNING AND ACTION BY THE SIGNATORY PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO WATER RESOURCES; AND TO APPLY THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL AND UNIFORM TREATMENT TO ALL USERS OF WATER AND OF WATER RELATED FACILITIES WITHOUT