

to homes, schools, hospitals, commercial and industrial establishments, public utilities, and governmental facilities; and

WHEREAS, Current projections for the immediate future forecast impending increased shortages in such energy resources of 10-20%, with localized shortages projected to be as high as 50%; and

WHEREAS, Severe health hazards and other hardships and injuries to persons, severe economic dislocations, and curtailments of the provision of essential public services have occurred, or are imminent, and the probability exists that same will occur or continue to occur; and, therefore, the public health, safety and welfare is imperiled.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1971 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1973 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 1 OF THE ACTS OF 1973, SECOND SPECIAL SESSION), HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE AREA CONSTITUTING THE ENTIRE STATE OF MARYLAND; AND I FURTHER PROCLAIM THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 1 OF THE ACTS OF 1973, SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, I SHALL PROMULGATE REASONABLE ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AS I DEEM NECESSARY, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE AND TO BRING THE EMERGENCY SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF NOVEMBER 14, 1973

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WHEREAS, There is an impending acute shortage of usable energy resources throughout the State and the nation; and

WHEREAS, It may become necessary under federal law for the State to take certain action with regard to the allocation and reallocation of energy resources, and to take other action to deal with the impending acute shortage; and

WHEREAS, It will become necessary, irrespective of any possible federal legislation or regulations, for the