creating serious potential health and safety problems, as well as a major disruption in their daily lives, including their inability to travel to and from work and obtain food and other necessary supplies; and

- whereas, These problems engendered by the acute shortage of gasoline for motor vehicles may be alleviated by the distribution of gasoline on certain days only to operators of certain specified motor vehicles; and
- WHEREAS, Such regulation of the distribution of gasoline is on important State interest and is reasonable and necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public;
- 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), AND BECAUSE I AM ADVISED AND INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING IS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION OF EMERGENCY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE AT 12:01 A.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1974, IF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW APPROVES THE ORDER PRIOR TO THEN; OTHERWISE AT 12:01 A.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1974:
 - 1. Except as hereinafter provided, sales of gasoline by retail service stations to operators of motor vehicles bearing Maryland registration plates shall only be made on the following dates:
 - (a) On even numbered calendar dates gasoline shall only be sold to operators of vehicles bearing personalized registration plates, and registration plates with the last digit ending in an even number. This shall not include ham radio operator plates. Zero is an even number.
 - (b) On odd numbered calendar dates gasoline shall only be sold to operators of vehicles bearing ham radio plates or registration plates with the last digit ending in an odd number.
 - (c) For commercial vehicles, other than those excluded from this Order, bearing registration plates with the last