EXECUTIVE ORDER OF FEBRUARY 11, 1974

ENERGY CRISIS — GASOLINE SALES

WHEREAS, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage in usable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, I further proclaimed 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 would 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; and

WHEREAS, The acute shortage of gasoline for motor vehicles has resulted in the panic buying and hoarding of gasoline, and also, therefore, considerable inconvenience to motorists who are forced to wait in line for long periods in order to purchase gasoline; and

WHEREAS, This situation has further resulted, and will, if not alleviated, continue to result in many people being unable to obtain gasoline at all, thereby 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 an 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