

WHEREAS, Since my proclamation of the state of emergency, I have exercised my statutory power and issued several Executive Orders promulgating reasonable orders, rules, and regulations dealing with many phases of the energy problem; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the emergency will continue to exist for an indefinite time into the future, requiring continuing day to day decisions by the State Energy Policy Office and additional policy decisions which may have to be made and executed through further Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, Both the daily decisions by the State Energy Policy Office and the policy decisions which must be made by me as Governor will continue to affect all of the citizens of Maryland and will have an impact on all levels and aspects of the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, It is therefore important that the persons and institutions affected by the emergency and the decisions made to meet it have the opportunity to share their concerns and suggestions with those persons making these decisions, and that I, as Governor, and the State Energy Policy Office have the benefit of their advice and recommendations whenever feasible; and

WHEREAS, This goal can be achieved by the creation of an Energy Advisory Commission, with representation thereon from consumers and the public generally, from Government, from the energy industry, and from the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. There is established the Energy Advisory Commission, which shall consist of a General Chairman and forty members, each to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure.

2. (a) Ten members shall be chosen from among the consumers and general citizenry of Maryland, and shall constitute the Consumer Subcommittee.

- (b) Ten members shall be chosen from among State and local government in Maryland, and