

outside the 12 mile limit off the Atlantic Coast of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and New Jersey by officials of the U.S. Coast Guard as well as by private citizens of the area; and

WHEREAS, As recently as January 29, 1974, the U.S. Coast Guard at Ocean City, Maryland, observed a fleet of 12 foreign fishing vessels just outside the 12 mile limit and dispatched a 44 foot boat to the area, and at the same time a helicopter was dispatched from the Cape May, New Jersey Coast Guard Station; and

WHEREAS, Each of the aforesaid Coast Guard units witnessed first hand the operations of 12 foreign fishing vessels just outside the 12 mile limit; and

WHEREAS, The operations of these foreign fishing fleets greatly diminish the supply of certain species of fish along our coastline, and at the same time, endanger the economy of our commercial watermen and the joy and pleasure of our sport fishermen; and

WHEREAS, A number of other countries of the world have extended their off-shore limits to 200 miles, where some of the crew members of our United States fishing vessels, not being aware of these off-shore territorial limits have had their vessels seized by foreign countries off the South American Coast; and

WHEREAS, Some of our Maryland Congressmen are making efforts to bring to an end this deplorable situation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That it petition the Congress of the United States to enact the necessary legislation to extend the off-shore territorial limits for foreign fishing vessels from 12 miles to 200 miles from our Atlantic Coastline; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Honorable Gerald Ford, President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Nelson Rockefeller, Vice President of the United States, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.; Honorable J. Glenn Beall, Jr., 326 Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Charles McC. Mathias, 460 Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Gilbert Gude, 332 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Marjorie S. Holt, 1510 Longworth Building, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Gladys N. Spellman, Longworth Building, Washington, D.C.; Honorable Robert E. Bauman, 1039