

permanent council to coordinate policies and practices and to formulate plans to assure the future quality of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the date of that Executive Order, Chapter 342 of the Acts of 1972 created the Department of Agriculture as a principal department of the State government, to be headed by a Secretary; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Agriculture should be a participant in any deliberations affecting the quality of Maryland's environment and natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND 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 EXECUTIVE ORDER AS AN AMENDMENT TO MY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF APRIL 22, 1970, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Maryland's citizens are entitled to opportunities for a long life in pleasant surroundings that offer optimum use of the State's natural resources. To achieve those ends, there is need for a body to coordinate and unify the administration of laws, policies and practices that may have an impact on environmental quality.

All Departments and agencies of the State must conduct their affairs with an awareness that they are stewards of the air, land, water and living resources. Every unit of government has an obligation to protect the environment for the use and enjoyment of this and all future generations.

There is hereby created, effective as of the date of this Order, the Maryland Council on the Environment. The Council shall have a permanent membership composed of: The Governor, Chairman; the Secretary of State, Vice-Chairman; the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Secretary of Natural Resources; THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE; and the Secretary of State Planning. The Chairman may invite other cabinet level officers or heads of government agencies, including the heads of separate commissions and authorities created under State law, to meet with the Council and participate in its deliberations on specific matters.

Once it is organized, the Council also may