

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF OCTOBER 14, 1975

REGIONAL CENTERS FOR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED
YOUNGSTERS

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland owns a facility at Cheltenham, Maryland which has been operated as a correctional facility for male youths by the Juvenile Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Services Administration, in line with current philosophy concerning the treatment of youthful offenders and children in need of supervision, has decided to phase out the institutional commitment program at that facility; and

WHEREAS, The facilities at Cheltenham would accommodate a regional multi-purpose center designed to serve children and youths with special needs from the Southern Maryland area (Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties); and

WHEREAS, A task force composed of representatives from a number of State and local agencies has developed a plan for the development of such a regional center at Cheltenham which has received the approval of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the State Department of Education, and the four counties and their boards of education in the Southern Maryland region; and

WHEREAS, The concepts involved in this plan have received approval by the General Assembly through budgetary actions taken by it; and

WHEREAS, The overall goal of establishing a regional center where State and local interagency services can be coordinated for the benefit of emotionally disturbed youngsters is a desirable one anticipated by the General Assembly in the enactment of Chapter 359, Acts of 1973; and

WHEREAS, The plan and Agreement for the creation and operation of this project requires that I appoint an interagency governing board to superintend the project; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of Article 59, Section 32A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Certificate of Conformance issued with respect to