

establishing a cooperative academic program in reclamation, as well as the joint undertaking of research activities; and

WHEREAS, The parties to these discussions perceive the need for the educational training of specialists in the field of reclamation due to: (1) the growing magnitude of land disturbances from such activities as surface mining, highway and other public works construction and general land conversion from nonurban to urban uses; and (2) increasingly stringent governmental regulatory programs which require environmental controls of land reclamation practices; and

WHEREAS, To satisfy this recognized need, the parties are in the process of jointly developing an academic program in the field of "Reclamation" for the purpose of providing the State of Maryland with a reservoir of specialists in reclaiming degraded land, which specialists upon graduation from the proposed educational program would be competent to fill positions with State and federal regulatory agencies as well as engineering firms and private industries; and

WHEREAS, Physical placement of the Bureau of Mines on the Frostburg State College campus is desirable because it would: (1) afford close proximity among professional staff members of the Bureau, the Appalachian Environmental Laboratory, which is already located on campus, and those College departments, particularly Biology and Geography, that would participate in the proposed program; (2) facilitate the undertaking of joint research projects and activities; (3) enable the Bureau to utilize campus laboratories for both academic program and research-related purposes; and (4) generally serve to illustrate the public benefits that can be derived from a close cooperative relationship between State regulatory and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Paralleling the joint effort to develop the Reclamation program, formal adoption of which is contingent upon the approval of the Frostburg State College Senate, the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Universities and Colleges and the State Board for Higher Education, Frostburg State College is endeavoring to identify a suitable facility on the campus to accommodate the staff from the Maryland Bureau of Mines which is currently located in Westernport, Maryland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body endorses the joint efforts underway on the part of Frostburg State College, the Maryland Energy and Coastal Zone Administration of the Department of Natural