

## PROCLAMATION OF OCTOBER 6, 1976

## MARYLAND TRAINING CENTER - HAGERSTOWN

WHEREAS, the State is facing a critical problem of overcrowding in its correctional system; and

WHEREAS, in the General Construction Loan of 1976 (Chapter 914, Acts of 1976), the General Assembly appropriated the sum of \$3,260,000 for the construction of Phase II of the Medium Security Housing Unit at the Maryland Training Center at Hagerstown, conditioned upon approval by the Departments of State Planning and General Services of a master plan developed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and

WHEREAS, such a master plan has been so developed and approved, which includes this facility as an integral part of the State's effort to meet the overcrowding conditions; and

WHEREAS, although that Master Plan is currently being expanded and updated, the Secretaries of Public Safety and Correctional Services, State Planning, and General Services and my Special Assistant for Criminal Justice Matters have advised me that this facility is desperately needed and will continue to be a part of any revisions in the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, this facility will produce an additional 180 medium security beds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services is now in the position to commence procedures for the selection of an architect to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the project; and

WHEREAS, full compliance with the selection requirements set forth in Sections 231-0 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland will involve a delay of several months in the development of the plans and specifications and will therefore delay the construction and completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, upon the advice of the aforementioned Secretaries and my Special Assistant, and from my own knowledge of the critical overcrowding problem, I am convinced that such a delay, in this instance, is not only unwarranted but would be harmful to the health and general welfare of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Section 231Q of Article 41 of the Code authorizes the General Professional Services