

MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE, CALVERT, CECIL, CHARLES, DORCHESTER, HARBOR, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, SOMERSET, ST. MARY'S, TALBOT AND WICOMICO COUNTIES.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JANUARY 31, 1977

ENERGY EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage in usable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, I further proclaim that, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 41, Section 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I would promulgate reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, as I deem necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to bring the emergency situation under control; and

WHEREAS, The severe cold weather during the month of January, 1977, has created acute shortages in the total supply of natural gas available to the State, and has caused parts of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries to freeze, thereby creating major problems in the distribution of fuel oil to homes, utilities, and other commercial and industrial establishments; and

WHEREAS, Acting pursuant to curtailment policies established by the Federal Power Commission, the major suppliers of natural gas in the State have already terminated the supply of natural gas to customers on an interruptible basis, and have requested other industrial and commercial customers to cease using natural gas except as needed to protect their property; and

WHEREAS, Absent an unexpected warming trend in February, the shortages in the supply of natural gas and the problems in distributing fuel oil will become much worse unless strict conservation measures are implemented and all unnecessary use of energy is curtailed; and

WHEREAS, Although the principal shortage is in the supply of natural gas, the use of all forms of energy —