

preservation of the shorelines; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the laws of this State, the Secretary of Natural Resources, with the advice of local governments, the general public, industry groups, other units of State government and appropriate federal agencies, has been developing a comprehensive Coastal Zone Management Program; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, federal funds are available to this State contingent on development of this comprehensive coastal zone management program; and

WHEREAS, Effective implementation of the program requires cooperation and coordination of departmental efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ELAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 6(B) AND 24 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. The Maryland Coastal Zone Management Program developed in accordance with plans prepared under Article 88C(2)(b) of the Code, enumerates the objectives and policies of the State with respect to coastal resources.

2. To the extent consistent with statutorily prescribed responsibilities and authorities, all State governmental agencies shall:

(a) conduct their activities in a manner consistent with the Program;

(b) participate in the project evaluation process specified in the Program; and

(c) address promptly and, to the extent feasible, resolve any conflicts with other agencies.

3. In accordance with the designation of the Department of Natural Resources as the State agency authorized to receive and administer federal grants under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall assure adequate representation of the State's interest in administration of this federal program as it affects coastal resources.