

economic development, transportation and physical infrastructure and natural and historic environment, and to define development policies with respect to urban, suburban and rural areas within the State; and

WHEREAS, This need is evidenced by a number of recent developments, including recommendations of the Department of State Planning concerning location of new State facilities within existing developed areas, suggestions of the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Environmental Trust relating to discouragement of development of agricultural land, increased emphasis by the Maryland Department of Transportation on management of existing roads and facilities, and recent proposals of Federal agencies, including the United States Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Interior and Transportation, concerning preparation of State development policies; and

WHEREAS, Other developments, including increasing energy costs, the costs of construction and maintenance of new transportation facilities, and the limited availability of funds for sewer treatment facilities render desirable a comprehensive review of State laws, regulations and policies affecting physical development decisions and economic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

1. There is hereby created a State Development Council;
2. The Council shall be composed as follows: the Secretaries of Planning, Economic and Community Development, Health and Mental Hygiene, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Transportation, or their designees, and the Lieutenant Governor. Principal staff support to the Council shall be provided by the Departments of State Planning and Economic and Community Development. The Secretary of State Planning shall be Chairman;
3. The Council shall make recommendations concerning, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) The appropriate content of an Executive Order relating to policies to guide the effective and efficient