

WHEREAS, The Commission on Migratory Labor was established in March 1959 by House Joint Resolution No. 5 in recognition of the unmet needs of migratory agricultural laborers, particularly in the areas of employment, education and training, housing, sanitation, health, transportation, fair treatment by labor contractors, and community acceptance; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland in so resolving affirmed that despite increased governmental responsibility to enhance employment opportunities and improve the life-style of migratory and seasonal farm workers, the Commission was needed to study and regulate migratory labor in Maryland in order to muster all available governmental, private and legal resources to alleviate the problems and vital concerns that arise in connection with the use of migratory workers; and

WHEREAS, By Executive Order 01.01.1971.02, dated January 19, 1971, the Commission was assigned to the Department of Social Services and then by Executive Order 01.01.1976.06, dated August 4, 1976, was assigned to the Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, There is now a need for a reconstituted and revitalized Commission to further carry out these purposes for the migrant farmworkers in this State and to expand the mandate of the Commission to carry out the same purposes for the seasonal farmworkers of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT THAT:

1. (a) There is a Governor's Commission on Migratory and Seasonal Farm Labor in the Department of Human Resources.

(b) (1) The Commission consists of the following members or their designees:

(i) The Secretary of Agriculture;

(ii) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(iii) The Secretary of Human Resources;

(iv) The Secretary of Licensing and Regulation;