

housing conditions in the area; and

(4) The existence of a housing assistance plan which provides a displacement program and a public improvement and services program; and

WHEREAS, The designation of an area of chronic economic distress by the State must be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, 26 CFR §6a.103A-2(b)(5)(ii) provides that, for the purpose of making the designation of areas of chronic economic distress, "State" means the governor of the State, or a State official commissioned by the governor or by State statute for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the criteria to be used in making the designation of areas of chronic economic distress require technical knowledge, analysis, and data within the unique skills, abilities, and expertise of the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Secretary of Economic and Community Development as the State official who is the head of that Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, acting pursuant to 26 CFR §6a.103A-2(b)(5)(ii), and in the absence of a legislative designation by the General Assembly, do hereby commission the Secretary of Economic and Community Development to designate areas of chronic economic distress within the State of Maryland for the purposes set forth in Section 103A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, to withdraw designations of areas of chronic economic distress, or to make any other submission authorized or required by Section 103A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or by Title 26, Part 6a of the Code of Federal Regulations, including, but not limited to, a certification that a proposed designation of an area of chronic economic distress conforms to Title 26, Part 6a of the Code of Federal Regulations. This commission shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until rescinded by a further executive order.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF FEBRUARY 4, 1982

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