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GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Volunteering to help one's neighbor, one's community, our state and nation has been an important and integral part of America's history and heritage, and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland have a long and dedicated history of giving generously of their time, talents and skills to help others, and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has over 60,000 volunteers, serving to augment state government services to our citizens, and

WHEREAS, The current and projected impact of changes in federal programs upon the primary human service obligations of state government suggests that the question of voluntary citizen and organizational activity may need to be elevated from a programmatic to a policy level, and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government established a two-year Federal Private Sector Initiatives Task Force in 1980 to encourage individual states to document and promote cooperation between public and private sector in serving their citizens, and

WHEREAS, While good work is already being done at the local, state and national levels by private institutions -- families, corporations, philanthropic, religious and voluntary organizations, labor unions and civic groups -- greater efficiency and cooperation can be accomplished through better organization and coordination, and

WHEREAS, There exists the need to establish within Maryland a central council which can channel, encourage, mobilize and enhance the vigor, idealism and vision that is exemplified currently by many Maryland organizations, businesses, institutions and individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND DO HEREBY ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER COUNCIL.