

WHEREAS, Appropriate education is essential for citizens to understand the value of responsible management of the human environment to current and future residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has recognized the urgent need for development of a comprehensive program of environmental education in the State; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that students in our schools develop respect and appreciation for the environment; and

WHEREAS, All students in the State's elementary and high schools should be exposed to information that defines both the beneficial and detrimental influences people may have on the environment; and

WHEREAS, All students graduating from high school in the State should have developed an understanding and appreciation of conserving resources and the environment; now, therefore, be it

~~RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Department of Education is requested to conduct a 2-year study to determine the most effective means of implementing an environmental education program in the public schools of Maryland, and be it further~~

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Department of Education make recommendations for the implementation of a program design and implement an environmental education program for all public school students from kindergarten through grade 12; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Department of Education coordinate the program with other State agencies responsible for environmental programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department present a preliminary report to the Legislative Policy Committees Committee of the General Assembly by July 1, 1985 and its final report by July 31, 1986, and be it January 1, 1986 that reveals the Department's plan for the implementation of enhancing the environmental education program programs within the public school system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department's plan be fully implemented in the public school system by the 1987 September school term Department report to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly by January 1, 1988 on the status of environmental education programs in the public schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to: the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; the