

WHEREAS, The criteria were submitted to several legislative committees for their review and input during the 1985 interim; and

WHEREAS, The criteria were overwhelmingly endorsed by the Commission, whose members represent diverse geographic and economic interests; and

WHEREAS, The Commission promulgated the final proposed criteria in the November 22, 1985 issue of the Maryland Register under COMAR 14.15.01 through 14.15.11; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the criteria for local critical area program development adopted by the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission are hereby affirmed as being reasonable and acceptable to accomplish the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Maryland.

Signed May 13, 1986.

No. 37

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 9)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Environmental Protection - Chesapeake Bay - Critical Areas

FOR the purpose of preserving the quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by affirming criteria for local critical area program development adopted by the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission.

WHEREAS, In 1984 the Governor and the General Assembly recognized that there is a critical and substantial State interest in restoring the quality and productivity of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, In response to this concern, the Governor proposed and the General Assembly approved a package of 34 initiatives designed to diminish urban and agricultural nonpoint source pollution, upgrade publicly owned sewage treatment plants, improve fishery management, reduce shoreline erosion, and foster more sensitive development along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, Among these initiatives was the establishment of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Commission to guide local