

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

route to the Indies. With only a crew of ninety, they sailed the longest anyone has ever sailed in one direction out of the sight of land. It was not until October 12, that the crew sighted land - the Bahamas - the New World.

WHEREAS, The 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyages to the New World and the spirit of exploration they represent will be commemorated internationally in 1992;

WHEREAS, Columbus' courage and determination despite adverse conditions led to important and lasting ties between Europe and America;

WHEREAS, The United States Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, in cooperation with Italy and Spain, is planning a nationwide commemoration that focuses on cities and states in the United States;

WHEREAS, The commemoration has great potential to enhance trade, tourism, and international relations; and

WHEREAS, As an Atlantic coast state, it is appropriate for the State of Maryland to participate and to recognize Columbus' dramatic achievements and their contributions to our nation's history and development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

A. There is a Maryland 1992 Commission.

B. Membership.

(1) The Commission shall consist of 22 members appointed by the Governor including 6 members of the Board of Directors of Columbus 500/Baltimore and 6 citizens who are interested in a statewide commemoration of the Columbus quincentenary.

(2) The following shall be members ex officio:

- (a) The Comptroller of the Treasury;
- (b) The President of the Senate or a designee;
- (c) The Speaker of the House or a designee;
- (d) The Secretary, Department of Economic and Employment Development or a designee;
- (e) The State Superintendent of Schools or a designee;