

the best interest of the State to protect existing railroad rights-of-way for possible future use as trails, utility corridors, highways, mass transit, or railroad use; and

WHEREAS, There are several short term and long term actions that can be taken now to ensure that future generations will have options from which to select the best uses of railroad rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of specific recommendations with regard to right-of-way preservation and use requires the support and cooperation of all participating government agencies on the local, State, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, The 1998 Hughesville to Lexington Park Right-of-Way Preservation Study, resulting from Chapter 594 (SB 256) of the Acts of 1998, recommended a plan of action for the preservation of the Hughesville-Lexington Park right-of-way, and there is a vital and immediate need to take steps to implement those recommendations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish the Hughesville-Lexington Park Railway Corridor Commission consisting of ~~nine~~ ten members appointed by the Governor as follows:

- (1) 1 member of the State Senate, recommended by the President of the Senate;
- (2) 1 member of the House of Delegates, recommended by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the U.S. Representative ~~Steny H. Hoyer~~ of from the 5th Congressional District, or his the Representative's designee;
- (4) 1 representative of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station;
- (5) 1 representative of the Naval Alliance;
- (6) 1 member of the Charles County Board of Commissioners;
- (7) 1 member of the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners;
- (8) 1 representative of the federal Mass Transit Administration; ~~and~~
- (9) 1 representative of the Maryland Department of Transportation with expertise in mass transit, recommended by the Secretary of Transportation; ~~and be it further~~
- (10) 1 representative from the Prince George's County Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor shall appoint the Chairman of the Commission from among the Commission's members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall meet regularly subject to the call of the Chairman; and be it further