

WHEREAS, Expanding the Program, both in terms of the geographic area covered and the amount of State funds available, would result annually in as many as 200,000 acres planted in cover crops and thus, a reduction of 5,000,000 pounds of nitrogen run off; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is urged to recognize the vital significance of the Cover Crop Cost Share Program to the environmental and economic well-being of the State by expanding the geographic area covered under the Program to include the entire State and by annually appropriating \$6,000,000 of State funding for Program purposes by including a sufficient amount in the annual State budget to fund this objective; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Department of Agriculture is urged to explore the availability of federal funding for the Cover Crop Cost Share Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and Hagner R. Mister, Secretary of the State Department of Agriculture.

Signed May 18, 2001.

Joint Resolution No. 5

(House Joint Resolution No. 2)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

United States Food and Drug Administration - Labeling Laws and Policies Relating to Allergenic Ingredients in Food

FOR the purpose of requesting the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to create a symbol for display on food packages to indicate that certain allergenic ingredients are contained in certain packaged food; requesting the FDA to establish a toll-free line which will provide certain information; requesting the FDA to develop certain rules and guidelines for labeling food products that contain allergenic ingredients; requesting the FDA to prohibit the use of certain generic terms; requesting the FDA to establish a list of standard