

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. 10

(House Joint Resolution No. 9)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Patuxent River Watershed - Amendment of Policy Plan

FOR the purpose of approving a certain amendment to the Patuxent River Policy Plan; providing for a certain effective date; resolving that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to certain individuals; and generally relating to the amendment of the Patuxent River Policy Plan.

WHEREAS, § 5-812 of the State Finance and Procurement Article establishes the Patuxent River Commission (the Commission); and