WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is one of the foremost states in the nation in leading the battle to improve the quality of our environment; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to insure the wise use of the valuable and unique natural resources of Pennsylvania’s coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to insure that the inherent economic and social potential of Pennsylvania’s coastal areas be wisely used; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Resources, with the advice of local governments, the general public, industry groups, other branches of State government, and appropriate Federal agencies, has been developing the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 provides funds to states who voluntarily implement a Federally approved Coastal Zone Management Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Federal regulations, one condition of Coastal Zone Management Program approval is demonstration that the program, as approved, is enforceable; and

WHEREAS, several State departments and agencies have authority for enforcing Pennsylvania’s Coastal Zone Management Program and for making rules affecting the program’s enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dick Thornburgh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in furtherance of the purposes and policies of the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article I, Section 27, and the statutory authorities relied on by the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program, direct that the following steps be taken:

1. Designated State Agency.
   a. The Department of Environmental Resources is designated as the lead agency for implementing and administering the Federal Coastal Zone Management Program for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
   b. The Department of Environmental Resources shall be the single State agency to receive and administer the Federal Coastal Zone Management grants for implementing the management program.
c. The Department of Environmental Resources, Coastal Zone Management Office, shall provide technical advice and assistance in the administration of the program, coordinate its activities with other agencies involved in the program, and act as a forum for conflict resolution among agencies in connection with their responsibilities under this Order.

2. Program Objectives.
   a. The objectives of the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program are to:
      (1) Identify and evaluate those coastal resources requiring management or protection by the State.
      (2) Reexamine existing policies or develop new policies to manage these resources.
      (3) Determine specific uses and special geographic areas that are to be subject to the management program.
      (4) Identify the inland and seaward areas subject to the management program.
      (5) Provide for consideration of the national interest in the planning for and siting of facilities that will meet more than local requirements.
      (6) Include sufficient legal authorities and organizational arrangements to implement the program and to insure conformance to it.
   b. The program will involve affected State agencies in order to assure that existing authorities are used to implement the policies and management techniques identified as necessary for coastal management purposes.

3. Coastal Zone Advisory Committee.
   a. The Committee shall be comprised of representatives designated by the heads of the following agencies: the Departments of Commerce, Community Affairs, Environmental Resources, and Transportation; the Governor’s Office of Policy and Planning; the Governor’s Energy Council; and the Fish, Game, Historical and Museum, and Public Utility Commissions. Each agency shall have one vote. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be designated by the Secretary of Environmental Resources.
   b. Functions of the Committee.
      (1) To insure that projects or activities proposed for funding under the Coastal Zone Management Program are in concert with planned or existing State agency activities.
      (2) To be responsible for State and local coordination on actions of the Coastal Zone Management Program.
      (3) To participate in the continuing review of the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program.

   a. To the maximum extent permitted by law, all administrative departments, independent administrative boards and commissions, and other State agencies shall, upon Federal approval of the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program, enforce and act consistently with the goals, policies, and objectives of that Coastal Zone Management Program and provide for adequate consideration of the national interest involved in planning for and siting of facilities and the use of resources in the coastal zones when such planning, siting, and uses are of more than local interest.
b. Each administrative department, independent administrative board and commission, and other State agencies shall, upon federal approval of the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program and thereafter, notify the Department of Environmental Resources, Coastal Zone Management Office, pursuant to rules distributed to members of the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee, of any and all proposed activities having an effect on coastal resources.

c. Conflicts among fiscal, developmental, service, or regulatory activities of State agencies which have a direct and significant impact on the coastal zone, that cannot be resolved through available administrative mechanisms, shall be resolved by the Governor.

5. Force and Effect. This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect as long as monies are available for the management of the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program.