



**EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 2023-004**

ERUV LAND RENTAL

WHEREAS, Orthodox Jewish law forbids carrying on the Sabbath, except when done within an enclosed area; and

WHEREAS, Eruv districts have been used for 2,500 years by countless Jewish communities including ancient Israel, Eastern European centers of Judaism such as Warsaw, Lvov, and Vilna, and present-day cities which include Paris, Jerusalem, and New York; and

WHEREAS, an Eruv district in the northwest Baltimore metropolitan area has been declared by Joint Resolution of the County Executive of Baltimore County and the Mayor of Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, in a Proclamation made by the County Executive of Baltimore County on the 7th day of May, 1980, recognition was given to the rental of an Eruv district in Baltimore County, henceforth described as the Original Eruv; and in a Proclamation made by the County Executive of Baltimore County on the 7th day of September, 2004, recognition was given to the rental of the Eruv of Valley Village district, and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Jewish community necessitates an expansion of the Original Eruv enclosure, and

WHEREAS, representatives of The Eruv of Baltimore, Inc., have established such an expansion of aforesaid enclosed area in Baltimore County, henceforth described as the Eruv Expansion District - - bounded on the south by the northern border of the rental of the Original Eruv District of May 7th, 1980, on the east by the Jones Falls Expressway, on the north by Shawan Road and Tufton Avenue, and on the west by Greenspring Avenue, Garrison Forest Road, Greenspring Valley Road, the eastern and southern border of the rental of the Eruv of Valley Village District of September 7th, 2004, and Interstate 795 Northwest Expressway, and


WHEREAS, the Office of the County Executive of Baltimore County has been requested by The Eruv of Baltimore, Inc., on behalf of Orthodox Jews within the Eruv Expansion District to rent, in accordance with the Jewish Torah laws, to the President of The Eruv of Baltimore, Inc., at a rental of One United States Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid, the rights, for a period of fifty years, to the domain within the aforesaid area for the purpose of carrying on the Sabbath and other Jewish holy days in accordance with Orthodox Jewish law:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Olszewski, Jr., as County Executive of Baltimore County, do hereby proclaim a grant of the rights requested to the President of Eruv, Inc., at the aforesaid rental, in order to define the Sabbath bounds in accordance with Jewish religious law.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Baltimore County to be affixed this June 22, in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

SIGNATURE

ATTEST:



Dawn Kile
Executive Secretary



John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive

Reviewed for Form and Legal Sufficiency and Approved for Execution



James R. Benjamin, Jr.
County Attorney