

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION recognizing Carol R. Collier for her dedicated service as Executive Director of the Delaware River Basin Commission.

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1998 Carol R. Collier was sworn in as the third Executive Director of the Commission and the first woman to head an interstate river basin compact agency; and

WHEREAS, Carol's leadership of DRBC was marked by collaboration both inside and outside the Commission, including partnerships with co-regulators, NGOs and water users throughout the region, and by agency-wide initiatives to learn from and consider all perspectives; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 15-year tenure as the Commission's top executive, Carol was a tireless advocate and spokesperson for watershed-based management nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Carol appreciated the diverse skills and talents of the Commission staff, and with an energetic style, led her team in a wide range of planning and management initiatives; and

WHEREAS, notable achievements of the DRBC under Carol's leadership included:

- In partnership with co-regulators, development and implementation of a program for reducing loadings of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) to the Delaware Estuary through tailored pollutant minimization plans (PMPs). PMPs continue to achieve significant PCB load reductions, hastening the day when health-related consumption advisories are lifted for fish caught in the Delaware Estuary and Bay.
- Expansion of the Commission's Special Protection Waters (SPW) Program to include the 76-mile reach of the main stem known as the "Lower Delaware," resulting in placement of the entire non-tidal river from Hancock to Trenton, including three federally-designated Wild and Scenic River reaches, under a "Keep the Clean Water Clean" management regime.
- Adoption in 2004 of the Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin, a 30-year goal-based framework that serves as a guide for all governmental and non-governmental stakeholders whose actions affect basin waters.
- Publication in 2008 and 2013 of "State of the Basin" reports describing current conditions and providing benchmarks against which river basin management achievements can be measured.

- At the request of the basin state governors after devastating floods in 2004, 2005 and 2006, rapidly convening an Interstate Flood Mitigation Task Force and developing comprehensive recommendations for a more proactive approach to flood damage reduction. Thereafter, assembling the funds required to implement key recommendations for improved flood warning and inundation mapping.
- In 2009, building upon the Commission's previous water conservation program accomplishments to implement a new water audit approach for identifying and controlling water loss.
- Demonstrating through a retrofit of the Commission's 1970s-era headquarters property that effective stormwater management can also be beautiful.

WHEREAS, Carol has developed and is leaving behind an able and committed staff who will continue the mission of the Commission; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners hereby recognize and thank Carol for her dedicated service and leadership of the Commission since 1998 and look forward to her continued engagement with the basin community in addressing our region's ongoing water management challenges.

BY THE COMMISSION

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