

RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A RESOLUTION for the Minutes honoring Ken Kosinski, P.E., upon his retirement from a distinguished career in state and interstate water resources management.

WHEREAS, Ken Kosinski joined the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) thirty-five years ago and has devoted his entire professional career to the sound management of water resources; and

WHEREAS, at DEC, Ken helped to build and implement innovative programs and management approaches in such areas as high volume hydraulic fracturing, municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permitting, and DEC's water quality improvement grants program; and

WHEREAS, Ken also made important contributions to programs for protecting or improving New York City's reservoir watersheds, the Chesapeake Bay, and Lake Champlain; in controlling nonpoint source pollution; in developing and implementing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) under the Clean Water Act and New York State law; in measuring phosphorus loads in state watersheds; in managing DEC's stormwater general permit programs; and in implementing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DEC flood protection projects in New York, among others; and

WHEREAS, Ken is extraordinarily versatile, insightful, and adept at problem solving, possesses a virtually photographic memory, and is a fabled mathematics whiz; and

WHEREAS, Ken is passionate about protecting the environment for future generations, and he is equally passionate about the agency he has served, and about supporting the professional development of his colleagues, both young and seasoned; and

WHEREAS, in the role of alternate Commissioner of the Delaware River Basin Commission on behalf of Governors Andrew Cuomo and Kathy Hochul of New York State since 2016, Ken has generously contributed his valuable time, attention and expertise to advance cooperative interstate and federal management of the Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the DRBC staff and Commissioners have appreciated Ken's technical contributions and keen engineering skills along with his collegiality, humor, and generosity, and will miss him; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners and staff of the Delaware River Basin Commission hereby recognize and thank Ken Kosinski for his outstanding contributions to water resource management in the State of New York and in the greater Delaware River Basin; and wish him a long, healthy, and thoroughly enjoyable retirement that includes plenty of basketball, time with his large family and many friends, and relaxation at the home and gardens he constructed himself in upstate New York.

BY THE COMMISSION
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