

## RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A Resolution for the Minutes recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the federal Clean Water Act.

WHEREAS, on October 18, 1972, the United States adopted significant, extensive, and wide-ranging amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948. As amended, the law became known as the Clean Water Act;

WHEREAS, the overarching goal of the Clean Water Act is to “restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters” with an objective of ensuring that surface waters are fishable and swimmable;

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act has been a foundational and galvanizing tool for improving the quality and health of our Nation’s rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and watersheds;

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act recognizes the value of interstate commissions in affording states a means to act jointly to reduce and prevent pollution and restore impaired waters; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New York State Department of Environment Conservation the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) have worked in partnership to implement the Clean Water Act since its inception; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River Basin Commission recognizes:

1. The water quality achievements of the Commission, EPA, USACE, the State of Delaware, the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting independently, jointly through the Commission, and cooperatively, both prior to and since adoption of the Clean Water Act in 1972 to: reduce water pollution; institute antidegradation and other regulatory protections for the Delaware River, Estuary and Bay; restore habitats benefiting diverse water-dependent species; and improve the health and well-being of the millions of Americans who rely upon the life sustaining water resources of the Delaware River Basin.
2. The value of the authority conferred by Article 5, Pollution Control, of the Delaware River Basin Compact, enacted in 1961, in enabling the Basin states and the United States to act jointly through the DRBC to accomplish shared Clean Water Act goals.
3. The Commission’s commitment to continued collaboration and cooperation with co-regulators and the Basin community to achieve the Clean Water Act’s objectives.
4. The 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and its transformative, positive impact on the quality of our Nation’s waters.

ADOPTED: September 8, 2022