

## RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A RESOLUTION for the Minutes honoring Jeffrey L. Hoffman for a career of distinguished public service on behalf of the State of New Jersey in the fields of geology and water resources science and for his significant contributions to joint interstate and federal management of the water resources of the Delaware River Basin.

WHEREAS, Jeff Hoffman trained for his career in the geological sciences and hydrology at Penn State and Princeton universities, and in 1981, Jeff joined the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Jeff has put his expertise in geology and water resources science in service of understanding, protecting and improving the water resources of New Jersey and the Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's work has focused on such vital issues as the carrying capacity of land based on nitrate considerations, water withdrawals in areas of limited supply, streamflow and ground water drought indicators, inter-watershed water transfers, climate change, and minimum ecological flow needs; and

WHEREAS, Jeff has authored or co-authored dozens of publications, many of them for the purposes of developing or implementing public policies designed to ensure that shared water resources are used responsibly and sustainably; and

WHEREAS, not only has Jeff made valuable contributions to public policy and practice in our region, but he also has developed methodologies and data products that are distributed digitally for public use; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Jeff was appointed by Governor Chris Christie to serve as the New Jersey State Geologist, and in that capacity, Jeff has since led NJDEP's Division of Water Supply and Geoscience; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, when Governor Christie first appointed Jeff to serve as an alternate DRBC commissioner, Jeff has been an engaged participant in the work of the DRBC; and

WHEREAS, Jeff retired from the NJDEP effective December 1, 2023, after more than four decades of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and the Basin have benefited immeasurably from Jeff's technical expertise, focused attention, and exemplary professional conduct in service of the public; and

WHEREAS, on a personal level, Jeff's DRBC colleagues have appreciated his collaboration, curiosity, wit, concern, professionalism, and amiability; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners and staff of the DRBC hereby recognize Jeff Hoffman for his outstanding contributions to water resource management in the State of New Jersey and in the greater Delaware River Basin and wish him a long, healthy and thoroughly enjoyable retirement.

BY THE COMMISSION

December 6, 2023