

RESOLUTION 2022-13
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING
COUNCIL COMMENDING LISA J. PLEVIN FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND
DEDICATION TO THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL AND ITS MISSION AS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2018-2022

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act empowers the Highlands Council to appoint an Executive Director to serve, at the pleasure of the Council, as its chief administrative officer; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director plays a vital role in implementing policies established by the Highlands Council, identifying new initiatives, and managing and providing leadership to the staff of the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, Lisa J. Plevin has been the Executive Director for the Highlands Council for the past four years having been appointed in July of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin brought to the Highlands Council a wide breadth of experience working on varied environmental matters;

WHEREAS, over the course of four years as Executive Director, Ms. Plevin has ably assisted the Highlands Council and has led the Highlands Council staff in its mission to implement the goals of the Highlands Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin's commitment and dedication to the mission of the Highlands Council has served to guide its efforts and established the tone for all Council activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin has sought to encourage significant public participation in the Council's operations and has endeavored to involve all stakeholders in Council initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin provided exceptional leadership of the Highlands Council team during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was perhaps the most challenging time the organization has faced since the development of the RMP; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin was the driving force behind an incredibly successful effort to engage municipal and county partners in implementation of the RMP; and

WHEREAS, based on these efforts, several Petitions and Amended Petitions for Plan Conformance came before the Council and were approved, strengthening collaborative implementation of the Highlands Act and RMP; and

WHEREAS, during Ms. Plevin's tenure more than 20 municipal and county planning grants were approved for work including Water Use and Conservation Management, Stormwater Management,

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Transportation Planning, Lake and Stream Management, Economic Sustainability Planning, and more; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin spearheaded the completion of an effort that began in 2007 to have the Regional Master Plan endorsed by the State Planning Commission, which results in significant benefits for Highlands municipalities and counties; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin quickly ramped-up outreach to municipal and county partners experiencing Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) to facilitate grant funding for watershed assessments, lake and stream management plans, and stormwater management plans to help identify and address many of the root causes of HABs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin has significantly contributed to furthering the goals of the Highlands Act and the Highlands RMP, and has left a solid foundation for future activities of the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Plevin has many other accomplishments that distinguish her tenure as Executive Director and will have a lasting, positive impact on the Highlands Region; and

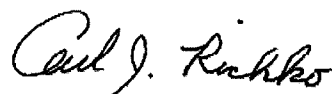
WHEREAS, the Highlands Council wishes to publicly and formally acknowledge Ms. Plevin's accomplishments as Executive Director, and the legacy she leaves to the future of the Highlands Council and the Highlands Region generally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highlands Council hereby commends Lisa J. Plevin for her outstanding service as Executive Director of the Highlands Council and her service to the people of the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Philip D. Murphy recognizing Ms. Plevin's achievements as Executive Director of the Highlands Council from 2018 to 2022.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its meeting held on the 21st day of July 2022.



Carl J. Richko, Chairman

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Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede	√		√			
Councilmember Dougherty			√			
Councilmember Dressler			√			
Councilmember Francis			√			
Councilmember Holtaway		√	√			
Councilmember James			√			
Councilmember Sebetich						√
Councilmember Van Abs			√			
Councilmember Visioli			√			
Councilmember Vohden			√			
Chairman Richko			√			