

**RESOLUTION 2025-  
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL  
APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

**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**, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to conduct its business as needed to effectuate the purposes of the enabling legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 27 of the Highlands Act requires that the Highlands Council, on or before March 31 in each year, or as extended, prepare and submit an annual report of its activities and an operating and financial statement to the Governor, the Legislature, the governing body and the chief executive officer of each municipality and county in the Highlands Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 2 of Executive Order #37 requires each State authority's governing body to approve the issuance of the annual report; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the April 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the 2024 Annual Report was provided to the full body of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Highlands Council hereby approves the submission of the Highlands Council 2024 Annual Report to the Governor, the Legislature, the governing body and the chief executive officer of each municipality and county in the Highlands Region.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Carl J. Richko, Chairman

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| <b>Vote on the Approval of<br/>This Resolution</b> | <b>Motion</b> |  | <b>Second</b> |  | <b>Yes</b> |  | <b>No</b> |  | <b>Abstain</b> |  | <b>Absent</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|--|------------|--|-----------|--|----------------|--|---------------|
| Councilmember Alstede                              |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Bush                                 |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Dougherty                            |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Dressler                             |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Francis                              |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember James                                |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Kibler                               |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Van Abs                              |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Councilmember Visioli                              |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |
| Chairman Richko                                    |               |  |               |  |            |  |           |  |                |  |               |