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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 the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts and execute any and all instruments to carry out any power, duty or responsibility assigned to it under the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Planning Act (NJ Stat § 52:18A-196) calls for the periodic revision and readopting of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP); and

WHEREAS, the SDRP shall provide a coordinated, integrated, and comprehensive plan for the growth, development, renewal, and conservation of the State and its regions, and shall identify areas for growth, agriculture, open space conservation, and other appropriate designations; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Planning Commission (SPC), in accordance with the New Jersey State Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 15:30-2.1), approved the release of the Preliminary SDRP on December 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the formal release of the Preliminary SDRP on December 6, 2024 commenced Cross Acceptance, an inter-jurisdictional process of soliciting and incorporating input into a Draft Final SDRP; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the SPC and the New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy (OPA) on December 19, 2007, thereby authorizing the Highlands Council to participate in Cross Acceptance as the designated Negotiating Entity, in accordance with (N.J.A.C. 15:30-3.3), for those participating municipalities within the purview of the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council, in its role as Negotiating Entity, has prepared a Cross Acceptance Response summarizing the comments on the Preliminary SDRP pertaining to the New Jersey Highlands region and of the following municipalities:

| Municipality | | | | |
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| Alexandria Township | | | | |
| Allamuchy Township | | | | |
| Bloomsbury Borough | | | | |
| Boonton Town | | | | |
| Borough of Alpha | | | | |
| Borough of High Bridge | | | | |
| Borough of Milford | | | | |

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| Borough of Oakland |
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| Butler |
| Byram Township |
| Califon Borough |
| Chester Borough |
| Chester Township |
| Clinton Township |
| Dover |
| Far Hills Borough |
| Glen Gardner Borough |
| Green Township |
| Hackettstown |
| Hamburg Borough, Sussex County |
| Hampton Borough |
| Hanover |
| Harding Township |
| Holland Township |
| Jefferson Township |
| Lebanon Borough |
| Lebanon Township |
| Lopatcong Township |
| Mahwah Township |
| Mine Hill Township |
| Montville Township |
| Mount Arlington Borough |
| Mount Olive Township |
| Netcong Borough |
| Phillipsburg |
| Pompton Lakes |
| Ringwood Borough |
| Rockaway Township |
| Roxbury Township |
| Tewksbury Township |
| Vernon Township |
| Washington Borough, Warren County |
| Washington Township, Morris County |
| Washington Township, Warren County |
| West Milford Township |
| Wharton Borough |

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council hereby authorizes the transmittal of the Highlands Regional Cross Acceptance Response to the State Planning Commission in furtherance of its continued participation in the Cross Acceptance process toward the adoption of a new State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 19th day of June, 2025.

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

| Vote on the Approval of | | | | | | | | |
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| This Resolution | Motion | Second | Yes | No | 1 | Abstain | Abser | nt |
| Councilmember Alstede | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember Bush | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember Dougherty | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember Dressler | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember Francis | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember James | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember Kibler | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember Van Abs | | | | | | | | |
| Councilmember Visioli | | | | | | | | |
| Chairman Richko | | | | | | | | |