

**RESOLUTION 2026-
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF 2025 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 16th Council meeting, the 2025 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 2025 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 16th day of April 2026.

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

DRAFT - FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE APRIL 16, 2026
MEETING OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL

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Vote on the Approval of Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede						
Councilmember Amoroso						
Councilmember Basralian						
Councilmember Bush						
Councilmember Dougherty						
Councilmember James						
Councilmember Kibler						
Councilmember Koop						
Councilmember Le Frois						
Councilmember Marano						
Councilmember Oswald						
Councilmember Smith						
Councilmember Van Abs						
Councilmember Visioli						
Chairman Richko						