

RESOLUTION 2026-
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS
AT THE SAME AVERAGE MONTHLY SPENDING LEVEL

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, to satisfy its duties, responsibilities and obligations under the Highlands Act, the Highlands Council desires to prepare General Operating and Grants Budgets for Fiscal Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 has only recently been passed; and

WHEREAS, several material budget components for Fiscal Year 2027, while substantially complete, remain subject to final determination and, in an effort to avoid subsequent revisions, Highlands Council staff is requesting the extension of the current Fiscal Year 2026 General Operating and Grants Budgets until the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget is approved; 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 extension of the approved Fiscal Year 2026 General Operating Budget at the same average monthly spending level of \$308,362 and the extension of the approved Fiscal Year 2026 Highlands Protection Fund Grants Budget at the same average monthly encumbrance level of \$131,740.00 until such time as the Highlands Council adopts a General Operating Budget and Grants Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 16th day of July, 2026.

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

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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											