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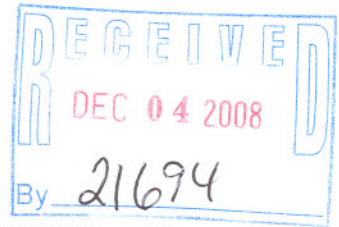
Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find Resolution 235-2008 and Resolution 234-2008 adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington at their regular meeting held on December 2, 2008.

If you require further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kristine Blanchard RMC
Borough Clerk



RESOLUTION 235 - 2008

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF
WARREN COUNTY NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS
COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 *et seq.*, finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington lies within the Planning Area of the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Washington believes that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Washington in Warren County to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Washington hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Planning Area. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.)

The above Resolution was moved by Oakley

seconded by Cioni, voted and carried this 2nd day
of December 2008

Roll Call: Ayes: 3
Nays: 2 Woykowski, Higgins
Abstentions: -

Kristine Blanchard

Kristine Blanchard, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk