RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY PINELANDS COMMISSION

NO. PC4-23-_______

TITLE: To Adopt the Pinelands Commission’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets for the Operating Fund, Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund and the Pinelands Conservation Fund

Commissioner __________________________ moves and Commissioner __________________________ seconds the motion that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pinelands Protection Act, the Pinelands Commission is charged with the continuing implementation and monitoring of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated $3,549,000 to support the Commission's operations during Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Treasury has informed the Commission that $687,000 (31%) of budgeted health benefits and pension costs will be covered through the State’s interdepartmental accounts in Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Commission anticipates that additional funding sources of $1,260,500 will be available to further support the Commission's operations, including grants from the National Park Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, interest income and application fee revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund Budget includes the State’s $500,000 special appropriation to the Pinelands Commission in Fiscal Year 2023 and $75,000 from the Commission’s Fenwick Manor Painting Reserve, with all funds to be used for the refurbishment, maintenance and preservation of Fenwick Manor; and

WHEREAS, a financial plan for the Pinelands Conservation Fund (PCF), which includes four programs (Land Acquisition, Conservation Planning and Research, Community Planning and Design and Education and Outreach), was approved by the Commission in April 2005 and last revised in August 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Land Acquisition program totals $21,060; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Conservation Planning and Research program totals $660,876; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Community Planning and Design program totals $162,030; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Education and Outreach program totals $120,900; and

WHEREAS, the total Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Pinelands Conservation Fund is $964,866; and

WHEREAS, the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 totals $6,896,895; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget reflects the continuation of the Energy Conservation Reserve established in Fiscal Year 2023 at the request of the Pinelands Climate Committee, with funds to be used for projects and capital expenditures that foster the Commission’s mission toward improved energy conservation, sustainability and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions to the greatest extent feasible, consistent with Pinelands Commission Resolutions PC4-20-37 and PC4-22-15; and
WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these and other important initiatives and to continue to carry out the Commission’s regulatory responsibilities, the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget anticipates the need for a $886,395 draw from the Commission’s unreserved, undesignated fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the remaining unreserved, undesignated fund balance amount is sufficient to cover unforeseen or emergency expenditures in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Personnel & Budget Committee has reviewed the FY 2024 budgets for the Operating Fund, Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund and Pinelands Conservation Fund and has recommended their adoption by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:18A-5h, no action authorized by the Commission 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 Commission 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 Pinelands Commission hereby adopts the attached Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets for the Operating Fund totaling $6,896,895, the Fenwick Manor Preservation Fund totaling $575,000 and the Pinelands Conservation Fund totaling $964,866.

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* A = Abstained / R = Recused

Adopted at a meeting of the Pinelands Commission         Date: ___________

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Susan R. Grogan
Executive Director

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Laura E. Matos
Chair