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APPROVAL OF THE "STATE STRATEGIC PLAN: NEW JERSEY'S STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN"

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission (the "Commission") on March 1, 2001 adopted the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, and as part of that Plan a long-term Infrastructure Needs Assessment and by reference the Resource Planning and Management Map, currently referred to as the State Plan Policy Map, and a Statement of Agreements and Disagreements, and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required under the State Planning Act, <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 52:18A-196 <u>et seq.</u>, to revise and readopt the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in a way that meets the procedural and substantive requirements of <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 52:18A-196 <u>et seq.</u>; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is further required, in revising and readopting a State Development and Redevelopment Plan, to adopt as part of the Plan a long-term Infrastructure Needs Assessment (the "INA") to provide information on present and prospective conditions, needs and costs with regard to State, county and municipal capital facilities, including water, sewerage, transportation, solid waste, drainage, flood protection, shore protection and related capital facilities; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2011, the Commission approved the Draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan, hereinafter known as the "State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan" including the draft INA for dissemination in order to commence the process of final approval; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out its statutory responsibilities in this regard, the Commission followed the process prescribed under the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq. and the State Planning Rules set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.1 et seq., including the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary State Development and Redevelopment Plan; the comparison of planning policies of various levels of government as reflected in the land use plans and regulations of the State's municipalities and counties and of the departments and agencies of the State government; the negotiation between the Commission and county and municipal planning bodies, which resulted in a statement of Agreements and Disagreements; the preparation and distribution of an Interim State Development and Redevelopment Plan; the completion of an Impact Assessment to examine the

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economic, environmental, infrastructure, community life, and intergovernmental coordination impacts of the Interim State Development and Redevelopment Plan; the preparation and distribution of a Draft Final State Development and Redevelopment Plan; the conducting of eight public hearings in order for the Commission to receive and consider written and oral comments, and the preparation of revisions to be considered by the Commission for final adoption; and

WHEREAS, the State Plan Policy Map is incorporated by reference in the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan, and was commented on during the public hearing process, and

WHEREAS, the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan calls for transitioning away from the State Plan Policy Map and to a new criteria-based system to identify areas of the state for growth and preservation investments; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has given careful consideration to the reports, comments and communications which it has received from the State's counties and municipalities, the various agencies of the State government, private organizations and interests, and the citizens over the entire revision and readoption process and has taken full account of the testimony presented at the final eight public hearings and written comments received on the Draft Final Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and taken full account of the "Summary & Recommendation: Public Comments on the Draft Final Plan" prepared by the Office for Planning Advocacy, including the attachments; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan, the Commission intends for it to be utilized in a fair and effective manner consistent with the State Planning Act and other pertinent legislation as well as in a manner consistent with the contents of the document itself; and

WHEREAS, the Commission intends to assist municipalities, counties, regional planning entities and state agencies in the implementation of the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan by providing guidance and technical assistance through the Office for Planning Advocacy, relevant State agencies, regional planning entities and through partnerships formed for the purpose of implementation; and

WHEREAS, in adopting such Plan, the Commission wishes to recognize the immeasurable efforts of thousands of public officials and private citizens who have participated, over an eight-year period and acknowledges the integral role which they have played in the development of the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission, consistent with its responsibilities under the State Planning Act, hereby revises and readopts the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan as the revised and readopted State Development and Redevelopment Plan, including the INA, State Plan Policy Map incorporated by reference therein, and the Statement of Agreements and Disagreements, and authorizes the Office for Planning Advocacy to make arrangements for appropriate publication as soon as practicable; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's Development and Redevelopment Plan comports with all substantive requirements of the State Planning Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:18A-196 et seq. and State Planning Rules set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.1 et seq.; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission, in adopting the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's Development and Redevelopment Plan, is doing so in full compliance with all the procedural requirements found in the State Planning Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:18A-196 <u>et seq.</u> and State Planning Rules set forth at <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:85-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Office for Planning Advocacy to make changes to the approved document solely for the purposes of publication quality prior to formal publication. The Office for Planning Advocacy will provide notice of this action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7(i) and make available the State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan and supporting documents on its website and send notice to Governor, the State Legislature, each State Department, each county and municipality in the State and, further, and through the provision of copies to groups, associations and individuals.