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Date: June 3, 2020  
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**R E S O L U T I O N**

**AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL, THE NEW JERSEY STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING ADVOCACY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196, et seq. (the "Act"), the State Planning Commission (the "Commission") has prepared and adopted a State Development and Redevelopment Plan (the "State Plan"), which includes a State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, to adopt rules and regulations to carry out and implement its statutory responsibilities and purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, the Commission has adopted regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:85-8.3, et seq., that establish a process for amendments to the State Plan Policy Map of the State Plan as a means to implement the State Plan and to foster cooperation and coordination of planning activities between State agencies and county and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning Advocacy, as staff to the Commission, is charged with providing technical assistance and guidance to counties, municipalities, and other planning entities across the State in order to implement the Act; and,

WHEREAS, in December, 2007, the Commission approved and executed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, the New Jersey State Planning Commission, and the Office of Smart Growth, predecessor to the Office of Planning Advocacy, (collectively, the "Parties") to work cooperatively to promote sound land use planning and protection of resources in their respective jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, the Commission, and the Office of Planning Advocacy wish to continue the formal relationship and wish to update the existing Memorandum of Understanding to include current land use objectives that will enable each agency to efficiently and effectively carry out their respective statutory responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding will facilitate the performance of their respective statutory responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, the Commission and the Office of Planning Advocacy to achieve the respective legislatively-mandated purposes of protecting natural resources; enhancing prudent and rational development, redevelopment and conservation policies through the formulation of sound and consistent regional plans and planning criteria; and coordinating planning activities through intergovernmental coordination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Jersey State Planning Commission hereby authorizes its Secretary and Principal Executive Officer to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the New Jersey State Planning Commission and the Office Planning Advocacy.

I hereby certify that this resolution was  
duly adopted by the State Planning Commission  
at its meeting on June 3, 2020

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Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary  
State Planning Commission  
Dated: June 3, 2020