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Resolution No. 2021-16

Date: November 3, 2021  
Patron: Edward J. McKenna

**Resolution of Appreciation to Walter Lane  
Somerset County Director of the Office of Planning, Policy and Economic Development**

**WHEREAS**, Walter Lane has served Somerset County for 24 years, beginning as an intern in 1997, and honed his professional planning career while rising through the ranks first as Senior Community Planner, then in numerous positions including Principal Planner, Supervising Transportation Planner, and in 2014 was named the Director of Planning, and;

**WHEREAS**, in September, 2021, Walter was named the Director of the Somerset County Office of Planning, Policy and Economic Development, and;

**WHEREAS**, Walter served admirably as the President of the County Planners Association (CPA) for the year 2020, and;

**WHEREAS**, in his capacity as President of the CPA, Walter's vision and commitment to bringing together various stakeholders created a long-term recovery working group which ultimately culminated in the development of a policy paper entitled, "Creating a Healthier, Prosperous and More Equitable Future For All New Jersey's Residents".

**WHEREAS**, Walter initiated various working groups and roundtable discussions on specific topics of interest, including County Planning Boards, Land Preservation, legislation of interest, and Wastewater Planning. As part of this effort, he continues to work hard to develop ongoing dialogue and communication with DEP staff to improve the wastewater planning process.

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career Mr. Lane has been a staunch supporter of the New Jersey State Planning Act, the State Planning Commission, the Office of Planning Advocacy and the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, and;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career Mr. Lane has advocated, promoted and encouraged smart, balanced, and comprehensive land use practices that will enable the residents of Somerset County and the State, the ability to pass to future generations a great place to live, work and play, and;

**WHEREAS**, because of Walter's expertise, Somerset County is held up as an example for all counties in the area of land use, and;

**WHEREAS**, Walter enjoys the respect and appreciation of his peers, co-workers and superiors and all in the planning community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Planning Commission recognizes Walter Lane's contribution to land use planning in the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Planning Commission formally congratulates Walter on his recent promotion in recognition of his consummate professionalism and dedication to his chosen field of land use planning.

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted  
by the State Planning Commission at its meeting on November 3, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna A. Rendeiro".

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Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary  
State Planning Commission  
Dated: November 3, 2021