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Date: June 7, 2023
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RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF DOUGLAS H. FISHER, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, Douglas H. Fisher has served New Jersey residents as Secretary of Agriculture since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Fisher serves as the State Agriculture Development Committee Chairman and member of the State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, during Secretary Fisher's tenure, 1,108 farms representing 79,209 acres have been preserved; and

WHEREAS, under Secretary Fisher's tenure, Soil and Water Conservation projects saw enormous growth, providing erosion control on over 367,000 acres in 64 projects which represents almost 50% of the program's success that has been in place since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Fisher implemented a robust Farm to School program providing Jersey Fresh produce in New Jersey schools with more than 500 school districts now taking part in the program; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Fisher, in partnership with the Department of Education, instituted and encouraged the implementation of the "Breakfast After the Bell", a program that provides breakfast in school, that enabled New Jersey to go from being in the bottom 10 percent of states to the top 20 percent of states in providing breakfast for students; and,

WHEREAS, Secretary Fisher developed a web-based system across the Division of Food and Nutrition, making it easier for school food service providers and districts to interact with the Division of Food and Nutrition for more efficient reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Fisher presided over 32 deer fencing projects, representing 1,302 acres (31 miles);

WHEREAS, Secretary Fisher's actions demonstrate his commitment to farmland preservation, eliminating food insecurity, and soil and water conservation and protection; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Fisher has announced his retirement effective July 1, 2023 after serving New Jersey as Secretary of Agriculture for the last fourteen years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Planning Commission recognizes Secretary Douglas H. Fisher, upon his retirement, for his dedication to making New Jersey a better place and for his service and dedication to the people of New Jersey.

I hereby certify that this resolution was
duly adopted by the State Planning Commission
at its meeting on June 7, 2023

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

Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary
State Planning Commission
Date: June 7, 2023