**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF #, COUNTY OF #, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY PROTECTION AGAINST CLIMATE THREATS/RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND LANDSCAPES RULE (NPACT REAL)**

WHEREAS, the Municipality recognizes the increased frequency and intensity of flooding in New Jersey and the impact of that flooding on the lives and property of new Jersey residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, multiple studies released by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection document that extreme precipitation intensity will continue to increase in NJ over the coming decades.

WHEREAS, multiple studies from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Rutgers University concur that sea level rise will continue through the year 2100 and increase flooding in coastal areas;

WHEREAS, every time our community floods, it is a drain on our municipal resources, from closing and opening roadways, removing debris and repairing damage caused by flooding to rescuing motorists and residents trapped by flood waters;

WHEREAS, flooding due to extreme precipitation is a threat to the safety of our residents and built environment.

WHEREAS a 2025 study by Rebuild by Design concludes that flooding is a major risk to both property value and municipal tax revenue;

WHEREAS, the Municipality cannot address the increasing threats from extreme storms and flooding on its own;

WHEREAS, the NJPACT REAL Rules provide statewide protection for all municipalities in New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the NJPACT REAL Rules were based on continuing moderate emissions of greenhouse gas emissions; which is extremely optimistic given the current emissions;

WHEREAS, the NJPACT REAL Rules predict that there is an 83% percent that NJ will experience sea level rise up to 5.1 feet;

WHEREAS the NJPACT REAL rules will provide preference for nature-based infrastructure solutions;

WHEREAS the NJPACT REAL rules will provide protections for wetlands that serve as filters for water pollution, absorb flood waters; and provide habitat;

WHEREAS the NJPACT REAL rules begin to address flooding caused by development that pre-dates stormwater management requirements by embracing stormwater management through redevelopment projects;

WHEREAS, there are those that are intentionally misleading others on the contents of the rule and using this misinformation to excite opposition to the rules;

WHEREAS, implementing the REAL Rules will assist the State and its municipalities in becoming more resilient.

WHEREAS, implementing the REAL Rules will help keep the residents of the municipality safe;

WHEREAS, Addressing the impacts of climate change and implementing resiliency policies has the potential to reduce flood insurance rates, not increase them;

WHEREAS, addressing the impacts of climate change and implementing resiliency policies has the potential to improve a municipality’s bond rating; making it cheaper and easier to borrow money by the Municipality.

WHEREAS, the Municipality supports policies that are based upon the best available science as the REAL rules are;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE It RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of #, County of #, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Township/Borough/City of # supports the adoption of the REAL Rules as soon as possible.

A copy of these resolution should be sent to the Governor’s office; NJ Senate President; Speaker of the NJ Assembly; and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

I, N, Municipal Clerk of X, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of X at a meeting held [ ], 2025.

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, Municipal Clerk

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