RESOLUTION 2024-21

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS AT THE SAME AVERAGE MONTHLY SPENDING LEVEL

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to conduct its business as needed to effectuate the purposes of the enabling legislation; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy its duties, responsibilities and obligations under the Highlands Act, the Highlands Council desires to prepare General Operating and Grants Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 has only recently been passed; and

WHEREAS, several material budget components for Fiscal Year 2025, while substantially complete, remain subject to final determination and, in an effort to avoid subsequent revisions, Highlands Council staff is requesting the extension of the current Fiscal Year 2024 General Operating and Grants Budgets until the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget is approved; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends the approval of the extension of the approved General Operating and Grants Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highlands Council hereby approves the extension of the approved Fiscal Year 2024 General Operating Budget at the same average monthly spending level of \$249,008 and the extension of the approved Fiscal Year 2024 Grants Budget at the same average monthly encumbrance level of \$95,322 until such time as the Highlands Council adopts a General Operating Budget and Grants Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of July, 2024.

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.13:20-5j this Resolution shall have no force or effect until the completion of the Governor's review of the Highlands Council minutes

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Vote on the Approval of						
This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede						
Councilmember Bush						
Councilmember Dougherty						
Councilmember Dressler						
Councilmember Francis						
Councilmember James						
Councilmember Sebetich						
Councilmember Van Abs						
Councilmember Visioli						
Councilmember Vohden			V			
Chairman Richko						