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## RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE 2023 CROSS-ACCEPTANCE MANUAL

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 to -207, 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, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199(a), among the duties of the Commission is a requirement to revise and readopt the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant N.J.A.C 15:30-1.1 through -5.5, the process to revise and readopt the State Plan is extensive and detailed and requires significant collaboration among State, county and local planning entities, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-2.3, the Commission is required to adopt by resolution a Cross-Acceptance Manual that shall include, at a minimum, a draft work program, a draft schedule, a sample negotiation agenda, and a sample online Cross-Acceptance Response Template for participating negotiating municipal, county, and regional entities to complete the cross-acceptance process; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission approved Resolution #2023-19, adopting the 2023 Cross-Acceptance Manual on November 1, 2023, subject to approval and incorporation of a draft schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Commission approved Resolution #2024-01 on January 3, 2024, approving an update to the 2023 Cross-Acceptance Manual to include a timeline for the State Plan revision and readoption process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission now finds it necessary to amend the timeline to correctly reflect the current status of the State Plan revision and readoption process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also finds it necessary to correct the previously approved 2023 Cross-Acceptance Manual to accurately reflect that a municipal resolution is necessary only if a municipality disagrees with the Negotiating Entity's Cross-Acceptance Response Template; and

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**WHEREAS,** the Commission also finds it necessary to update the draft county resolution to indicate that the county will be representing only participating municipalities in the Cross-Acceptance process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also finds it necessary to update the Cross Acceptance Manual to apply non-substantive changes to certain terms, descriptions and references (Exhibit A); and

**WHEREAS,** the Office of Planning Advocacy recommends approval of these updates to the 2023 Cross-Acceptance Manual (Exhibit B).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby approves the updates to the 2023 Cross-Acceptance Manual (Exhibit A); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to take all actions to implement the proposed process with regular updates at each Commission meeting.

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the State Planning Commission at its meeting on June 5, 2024

Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary State Planning Commission

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