



## TOWN OF NEWTON

### RESOLUTION #201-2024

July 15, 2024

#### **"Statement of Intent to Pursue Plan Endorsement and Authorization to Submit the Municipal Self-Assessment Report to the Office of Planning Advocacy"**

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Act recognizes that New Jersey requires sound and integrated land use planning and coordination of planning at all levels of government in order to conserve the state's natural resources, revitalize the urban centers, protect the quality of the environment, and provide needed housing and adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development, and renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional, and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and to facilitate the implementation of these plans and guide where and how development and redevelopment can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of the Municipal Land Use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines require the preparation and submission of a Municipal Self-Assessment Report as the means by which a municipality assesses the consistency of its existing community vision and planning documents with the State Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newton has prepared a Municipal Self-Assessment Report pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee has reviewed the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and recommends that the Mayor and Town Council approve it for submission to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Planning Advocacy towards the Town of Newton's pursuit of Plan Endorsement.

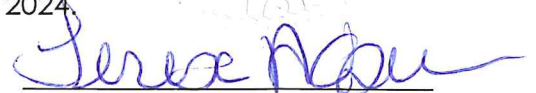

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton hereby expressly state the intention of the Town of Newton to pursue Plan Endorsement by the State Planning Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton approves the Municipal Self-Assessment Report and authorizes it be submitted to the Office of Planning Advocacy for consideration and review as part of the effort to pursue Plan Endorsement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Newton shall transmit a copy of this Resolution and the Notice as required by the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission and the Office of Planning Advocacy.

**CERTIFICATION**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Newton at a regular meeting of said Governing Body conducted on Monday, July 15, 2024.



Teresa A. Oswin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk