

**RESOLUTION 2009-32**  
**NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**APPROVAL OF THE WARREN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL MARKET**  
**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of the Highlands Act specifies that the maintenance of agricultural production and a positive agricultural business climate should be encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 of the Highlands Act sets goals for the Regional Master Plan to preserve farmlands, promote compatible agriculture uses, and promote the continuation and expansion of uses and opportunities within the framework of protecting the Highlands environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 18 of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to make available grants or other financial and technical assistance to municipalities and counties in furtherance of the Regional Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 2006-19, the Highlands Council established a process for the approval of grants for the support of sustainable agriculture and determined the availability of an amount not to exceed \$450,000 in grant funds to support a sustainable agriculture grants program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council staff has reviewed the following grant application and recommends approval by the Highlands Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Warren County for an Agricultural Market Development Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, provided that the Executive Director may authorize additional amounts under this agreement pursuant to her authority under the Highlands Council Bylaws.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

  
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John Weingart, Chairman

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**Vote on the Approval of this**  
**Resolution**

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Calabrese	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Carluccio	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Cogger	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Kovach	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Letts	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Pasquarelli	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Peterson	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Schrier	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Vetrano	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Way	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Whitenack	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Weingart	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____