

**RESOLUTION 2019-10**  
**NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT**

**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**, in order to properly perform independent audits as required by State law, the Highlands Council established the Highlands Council's Audit and Evaluation Committees by Resolution 2006-06 on January 19, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council's Evaluation Committee approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide auditing services on April 21, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, after the review and recommendations of the Evaluation Committee and the Audit Committee, the Highlands Council approved Resolution 2016-9 on October 20, 2016 authorizing the Executive Director to enter a contract for auditing services with Mercadien, P.C. (Mercadien); and

**WHEREAS**, Mercadien completed and prepared the final report on the Highlands Council's financial statement and recommended actions for Fiscal Year 2018 and presented it to the Audit Committee of the Highlands Council; and

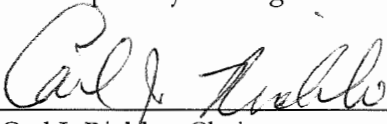
**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council Audit Committee reviewed the final report and the annual management letter with Mercadien and recommended that the Highlands Council accept the final report.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Highlands Council hereby:

- 1) accepts Mercadien's final audit report for Fiscal Year 2018; and
- 2) directs the Audit Committee to continue to oversee the proper implementation of the audit requirements in accordance with State law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

  
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Carl J. Richko, Chairman

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**Vote on the Approval of  
The Resolution**

	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilmember Alstede			✓			
Councilmember Carluccio			✓			
Councilmember Dougherty			✓			
Councilmember Dressler			✓			
Councilmember Francis			✓			
Councilmember Holtaway			✓			
Councilmember James		✓	✓			
Councilmember Sebetich						✓
Councilmember Visioli			✓			
Councilmember Vohden			✓			
Councilmember Walton	✓		✓			
Chairman Richko			✓			