#### **RESOLUTION 2024-05**

## NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL ADOPTION OF AMENDED BYLAWS

**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 6 of the Highlands Act empowers the Highlands Council with powers, duties and responsibilities, in addition to others prescribed in the Highlands Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6.a of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to adopt and from time to time amend and repeal suitable bylaws for the management of its affairs; 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, the Highlands Council adopted initial bylaws at its first meeting by Resolution 2004-01 dated December 16, 2004, revised the bylaws by Resolution 2005-01 dated January 6, 2005, by Resolution 2006-23 dated June 1, 2006 and by Resolution 2007-19 dated August 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee and Council staff considered and recommended amending the bylaws to increase the Executive Director's ("ED") authority threshold to contract for, issue purchase orders for and approve payments for goods and services up to \$44,000 in accordance with the ED authority thresholds for the New Jersey Water Supply Authority ("NJWSA") and the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority ("NJSEA").

**WHEREAS**, upon subsequent increases to the ED authority thresholds for the NJWSA and NJSEA, the Highlands Council ED authority threshold shall automatically increase to align with its sister agencies.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Highlands Council bylaws, the bylaws may be amended at any regularly scheduled meeting where, as it has here, ten days advance notice has been given to all Highlands Council members.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Highlands Council hereby adopts the attached amended bylaws dated February 6, 2024.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

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Vote on the Approval of							
This Resolution	Motion	Second	1	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede							
Councilmember Bush				$\checkmark$			
Councilmember Dougherty							
Councilmember Dressler							
Councilmember Francis							
Councilmember James							
Councilmember Sebetich							
Councilmember Van Abs							
Councilmember Visioli							
Councilmember Vohden				V			
Chairman Richko				V			