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City of Hoboken
Resolution Number: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN IN SUPPORT OF 21st-CENTURY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, water infrastructure is critical for the economic vitality, environmental health and quality of life within New Jersey cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken has a combined sewer system which periodically discharges untreated wastewater and stormwater into the Hudson River during wet weather events; and

WHEREAS, inadequate sewer and stormwater systems generate stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflows (CSOs) that pollute streams, lakes, rivers and bays, and cause localized flooding of streets and properties and can cause sewage backups into neighborhood basements and streets threatening human health; and

WHEREAS, inadequate drinking water systems can rupture, interrupting service and causing flooding; and

WHEREAS, the North Hudson Sewerage Authority has received a new CSO permit from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection requiring it to adopt and implement a long term control plan to upgrade its combined sewer system; and

WHEREAS, aging and degraded drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure threaten to disrupt daily life, commerce and industry in communities; and

WHEREAS, budget constraints and expensive capital requirements and ongoing operating costs to address these issues can pose major financial challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken in conjunction with the North Hudson Sewerage Authority is making investments in 21st-century water infrastructure in order to:

- **Strengthen the city** by protecting public health and the environment and enhance its attractiveness and livability while making it more resilient to extreme weather events and natural disasters; and
- **Enable economic growth** by delivering safe and adequate drinking water, wastewater and stormwater management services that meet the needs of city residents and businesses today and into the future; and
- **Leverage modern practices** by employing state-of-the-art technologies and best management practices that generate multiple benefits – economic, financial, environmental and social; and
- **Reduce flooding and energy use**, including reduction of localized flooding from storms and water-main breaks and sewer overflows, and enhancing energy efficiency in order to reduce water utility costs and air pollution; and
- **Draw on multiple funding sources and maintain affordability** by establishing adequate, sustainable funding streams to support improved water infrastructure and services while ensuring affordable rates over time for city residents and businesses.

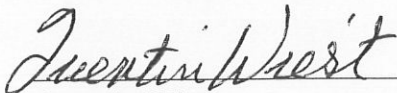
NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Hoboken that the City of Hoboken endeavors to commit to the following actions in support of 21st-century water infrastructure:

1. Urging state and federal leaders to support our efforts to upgrade our drinking, sewer and stormwater systems and to promote investments in water infrastructure nationwide through financial and technical assistance; and
2. Upgrading our drinking sewer and stormwater systems in ways that will strengthen our city by employing best practices such as the "Best Practice Solutions for Water Infrastructure in Summary" below; and
3. Sharing our solutions, success stories and annual progress with other municipalities and sewer utilities, through the Urban Water Solutions Initiative.

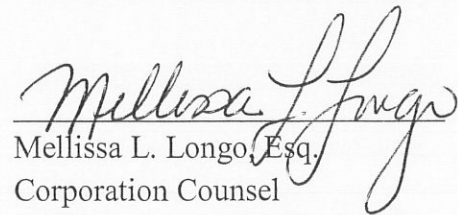
Meeting date: September 2, 2015

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 Quentin Wiest
 Business Administrator

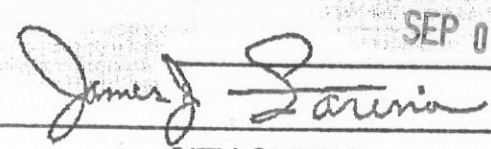


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Councilperson	Yea	Nay	Abstain/Present	Absent
Theresa Castellano	/			
Peter Cunningham	/			
James Doyle	/			
Jen Giattino	/			
Elizabeth Mason	/			
David Mello	/			
Tim Occhipinti	/			
Michael Russo	/			
Ravi Bhalla, Council President				

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 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN, N.J.
 AT A MEETING HELD ON:

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