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Date: January 6, 2021  
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**Resolution of Appreciation to Commissioner Catherine McCabe  
for Her Public Service and Commitment to the Environment**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Catherine McCabe has had a rich professional career as an environmental lawyer and professional as a stalwart protector of environmental and natural resources, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe has served nationally, in New York State, and in the State of New Jersey in many capacities in pursuit of environmental protection, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe served as an Assistant Attorney General in New York's Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau and in private practice, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe served nationally in both the US Department of Justice's Environmental and Natural Resources Division and at the US Environmental Protection Agency in numerous senior legal and administrative roles, including Acting Regional Administrator of the EPA Region 2, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe has served Governor Murphy's Administration since early 2018 as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe returned DEP to its national leadership role by taking action to respond to climate change, restoring damaged natural resources, and developing cutting-edge environmental science and regulations that have led the way in protecting drinking water sources from contaminants like PFAS ("forever chemicals"), lead, and harmful algae blooms, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe rejoined the Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and invested in initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe issued the State's first comprehensive Scientific Report on Climate Change and the Global Warming Response Act, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe partnered with the Board of Public Utilities and the Economic Development Authority to jump-start the offshore wind industry, established the DEP Office of Climate and Flood Resilience and the Interagency Council on Climate Resilience, implemented flood resilience projects, and initiated planning and regulatory reforms to ensure that New Jersey becomes more resilient to adverse climate impacts like sea level rise, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe prioritized equity and environmental justice through community listening sessions and targeted enforcement actions, advanced a landmark environmental justice law that serves as model for the nation, and enlisted all executive-level agencies in a cooperative effort to imbue the principles of environmental justice into government decision-making and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe safeguarded New Jersey's precious natural resources by investing in preservation of thousands of acres of parks and natural lands, permanently protecting over 600 miles of pristine streams, expanding access to open space and developing a community-supported plan for the restoration of Liberty State Park, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe partnered with New Jersey's Attorney General to file multiple lawsuits to recover damages to natural resources cause by polluters, providing funds to restore and preserve precious natural resources around the state, and;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner McCabe has been a strong supporter and actively involved in the State Planning Commission's efforts for comprehensive, statewide, land use planning practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Planning Commission recognizes the vast contribution that Commissioner Catherine McCabe has made by leading by example to make New Jersey a great place to live, work, and play and to foster an environment that we can be proud to pass to the next generation.

I hereby certify that this resolution was  
duly adopted by the State Planning Commission  
at its meeting on January 6, 2021



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Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary  
State Planning Commission  
Dated: January 6, 2021