RESOLUTION 2025-106

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR NOAA COASTAL HABITAT RESTORATION GRANT

WHEREAS, Pinelands Regional School District ("PRSD") intends to apply for a NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant for Tribes and Underserved Communities, NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2025-29689, in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, PRSD would use the grant for its bog mitigation project, which promotes the local ecosystem and community resilience by:

- enhancing the habitat quality within the Giffordstown Cranberry Bogs;
- improving nutrient retention and reducing stormwater runoff with the upgrading of the high school's stormwater management system using green infrastructure and natural and nature-based approaches;
- expanding access to Pinelands habitats through a redesign and enhancement of a student/community-made trail system; and,
- promoting community engagement by involvement of the PRSD students, staff and local inhabitants in the project design, implementation and long-term monitoring;
 and
- · educating students as to the importance of coastal habitat resilience; and

WHEREAS, PRSD's bog mitigation project would lead to meaningful engagement of the local community and help lead to habitat restoration in coastal, estuarine, and marine areas; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee strongly supports PRSD's application for the NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant for Tribes and Underserved Communities, NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2025-29689, in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

- That the governing body supports the submission of an application by PRSD for a NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grant for Tribes and Underserved Communities, NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2025-29689, in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00.
- That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Little Egg
 Township Administrator and PRSD Director of Research, Planning &
 Evaluation, Kimberly Lenn Clark.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 10th day of April, 2025.

KELLY LECTERA, CMC, RMC

Township Clerk

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