

Supplement the “Preserve New Jersey Act”

Whereas, The “Preserve New Jersey Act”, was designed to dedicate six (6) percent of the Corporation Business Tax revenues each year for open space, farmland and historical preservation, and aimed to preserve the quality of life for New Jersey citizens by acquiring, preserving and stewarding these vital resources and;

Whereas, The New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act of 2004, which the NJSFWC assisted in its passage, declared the protection of the New Jersey Highlands Region and established the Highlands Preservation Area because of its vital link to the future of the State’s key natural resources and;

Whereas, The Highlands Region is a vital source of drinking water for more than half of New Jersey’s families, yielding approximately 379 million gallons of water daily and contains exceptional natural resources such as contiguous forest lands, wetlands, pristine watersheds and plant and wildlife species habitats with many sites of historic significance, providing abundant recreational opportunities and approximately 110,000 acres of agricultural lands are in active production in the region; therefore

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs, an organization of approximately 6,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May, 2025, urges the New Jersey Legislature enact bills S4102 and A5256, which would amend the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” and allot \$7.5 million, the amount allocated each year from the CBT, to be deposited into the “Preserve New Jersey Highlands Preservation Fund” a new fund created by the bill to be used by the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council to preserve land in the Highlands Region, and further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey; Tahesha Way, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey; Senators John F. McKeon and Bob Smith, sponsors of S4102; Assemblywoman Alixon Collazos-Gill, and Assemblymen James J. Kennedy and Garnet R. Hall, sponsors of A5256; Assemblywomen Dawn Fantasia and Aura K. Dunn and Assemblymen Michael Inganamort, Erik Peterson, and Jay Webber, Co-sponsors of A526; Benjamin L. Spinelli, Executive Director of the NJ Highlands Council; Shawn M. LaTourette, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; David Epstein, Executive Director of The Land Conservancy, Ed Potosnak, Executive Director of the League of Conservation Voters, Alison E. Mitchell NJ Conservation Foundation; GFWC Public Policy Chairman; and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

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