

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE

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RESOLUTION

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**Title: In Support of a Water Management Plan for the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Borough of Hillsdale and the Pascack Valley have suffered significant damage and loss of property due to a history of costly and damaging floods; and

**WHEREAS**, engineering reports provide that many of these floods could have been mitigated or avoided by the advance lowering of the water surface elevations in the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir from 91 feet to a level of 88 feet as previously stated by United Water to the Borough of Westwood, attached hereto and made part of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale believes that an appropriate balance of the public interest mitigates in favor of a memorializing such policy to adequately protect the health, safety and property of the residents of Hillsdale in flood prone neighborhoods and with deference to the need for the provision of sufficient water supply in the summer months as standard operating procedure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Borough of Hillsdale Council hereby demands that United Water adopt a Stormwater Management Plan including but not limited to provisions mandating the reduction of the water surface elevation level in the Woodcliff lake reservoir to buffer the effects of significant precipitation events during the period from September through April and a level as low as possible in the months of May through September; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to United Water Suez, Assemblywoman Charlotte Vander Valk, Assemblyman Robert Schroder, Senator Gerald Cardinale, Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan, Bergen County Administrator Ed Trawinski, and NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin.

| Council member     | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Absent | Abstain |
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| DeJoseph, Jonathan |        |        |     |    |        |         |
| Frank, Douglas     |        |        |     |    |        |         |
| Giancarlo, Michael |        |        |     |    |        |         |
| Hanlon, Marie      |        |        |     |    |        |         |
| Schiavone, Donna   |        |        |     |    |        |         |
| Weinstein, Andrew  |        |        |     |    |        |         |

Adopted: May 10, 2011

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert P. Sandt, RMC

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Mayor Max Arnowitz

Municipal Clerk