

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-152
AUTHORIZING FLORENCE TOWNSHIP TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
BURLINGTON COUNTY COASTAL COMMUNITIES COALITION**

WHEREAS, studies have shown that climate change is happening and threats from shoreline erosion and flooding are becoming more frequent and of greater intensity; and

WHEREAS, significant portions of the developed lands fronting along the Delaware River, Rancocas Creek and other tributaries in the region are located in the Flood Hazard Areas; and

WHEREAS, combined with warnings of potential sea level rise, the risk to residential and commercial buildings and property, transportation facilities, public utilities, and open space has never been greater; and

WHEREAS, shoreline erosion is resulting in loss and/or damage to berms, levees, seawalls and other erosion control features that protect adjacent low lying areas from flood damage; and

WHEREAS, groundwater table rise associated with changing weather patterns, increased rainfall, and sea level rise is negatively impacting residential communities; and

WHEREAS, the regional threats faced are a burden too mighty to be taken on by a single municipality; and

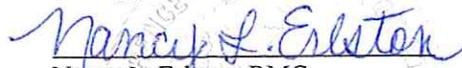
WHEREAS, a united approach to find common solutions to mitigate these risks to our region is vital to secure the public health, safety and general welfare of our residential and business populations; and

WHEREAS, objectives of the COALITION will include, but not be limited to, conducting meetings of member's representatives to discuss common flood, groundwater and erosion problems plaguing our communities, develop strategies to mitigate these problems, and engage any regional, state or federal representatives, groups, committees or commissions, as may be appropriate, to assist in developing and executing mitigation plans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Florence hereby authorizes the Township of Florence to become a member of the BURLINGTON COUNTY COASTAL COMMUNITES COALITION; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Florence hereby authorizes Paul Ordog, David Mudge and Pierre LaCombe to represent Florence Township at periodic meetings to be held by the COALITION and report back to Township Council on the ongoing progress to achieve the desired objectives of the group.

I, **NANCY L. ERLSTON**, Clerk of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution approved by Township Council at their August 14, 2019 meeting.


Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk

Note: This resolution authorizes membership in the Burlington County Coastal Communities Coalition and designates representatives.

