

## RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Plant has experienced and continues to experience an underground discharge of potable water in the vicinity of the Generator Building (a/k/a Building 9), the source of which has not been detected but which is believed to be a broken underground water line, and

WHEREAS, the volume of water discharged has increased over time, and is now estimated to be approximately 300,000 gallons per week; and

WHEREAS, the Plant Superintendent has explained that the continued discharge of water can cause a sink hole and possibly contaminate the Plant's potable water supply, thereby jeopardizing the health of Plant employees, the effectiveness of the Plant's wastewater treatment processes, and the structural integrity of buildings at the Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Plant Superintendent proposes that the Board immediately employ contractors expert in underground water leak detection to identify the source of the leak, and to hire contractors to then excavate as necessary and to repair the pipes and related facilities so as to stem the flow of unchecked water, and preserve the integrity of the physical Plant and the health of the Plant's employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Board's procurement policy and New York State law, the Board waives compliance with Board policy and State law with regard to purchases of goods and services related to the detection of the source of the unchecked water and to make repairs to damaged pipes and to those structures at the Plant in jeopardy of imminent collapse or degeneration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board and Plant Superintendent shall take prudent action to secure the least total cost method of making purchases and engaging in public works, consistent with the nature of this emergency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective through April 11, 2023.