**RESOLUTION NO. 08-106****NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS  
COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within 9 to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Jefferson lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson believes that it is in the best interest of the Township of Jefferson to conform to the Regional Master Plan.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan conformance for all lands lying with the Preservation Area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

**ATTEST:**

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF JEFFERSON**

  
LYDIA MAGNOTTI, CLERK

  
RICHARD W. YOCUM, PRESIDENT

DATED: December 17, 2008

I, LYDIA MAGNOTTI, Clerk of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Jefferson Township Council at a meeting held on December 17, 2008.

  
LYDIA MAGNOTTI, CLERK