



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## **RESOLUTION 26-068**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LOAN AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AND EACH OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, ALL PURSUANT TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 NEW JERSEY WATER BANK**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Highlands (the "Local Unit"), in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to acquire, construct, renovate or install the Project (the "Project") as defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the I-Bank Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey Water Bank (the "Program");

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has determined to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A, to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond") and General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026B, to the State (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the I-Bank Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,056,592 pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-Bank and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of the Loans, the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") to be entered into by and among the I-Bank, the State, the Local Unit and the escrow agent named therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

**Section 1.** The I-Bank Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the "Financing Documents") are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Local Unit by either the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer in substantially the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively, with such changes as the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer (each an "Authorized Officer"), in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit (collectively, the "Local Unit Consultants") and after further consultation with the I-Bank, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively, the "Program Consultants", and together with the Local Unit Consultants, the "Consultants"), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer as determined hereunder. The Local Unit Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer of the Local Unit as determined hereunder and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to such Financing Documents.

**Section 2.** The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Local Unit Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 4.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Meghan Ann Bennett, Esq., Dilworth Paxson LLP, bond counsel to the Local Unit, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

Motion to Approve R 26-068:

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CERVANTES						
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BROULLON						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: February 18, 2026

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Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Highlands

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Nancy Tran, Clerk of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of an original resolution now on file and of record in my office which was duly adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that said Borough Council consists of 5 members and that \_\_\_\_\_ members thereof were present at said meeting and that \_\_\_\_\_ members voted affirmatively for the adoption of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Borough this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Nancy Tran, Clerk

(SEAL)

**EXHIBIT A**

**FORM OF I-BANK LOAN AGREEMENT**

**EXHIBIT B**

**FORM OF FUND LOAN AGREEMENT**

**EXHIBIT C**

**FORM OF ESCROW AGREEMENT**