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**RESOLUTION 2026.03.01**

**SUPPORTING SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (SCR) NO. 106 (SCUTARI D-22,  
Burzichelli D-3, Testa R-1)**

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2026, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) adopted the NJPACT REAL rules, which drastically expand the State's "Flood Hazard Area" by creating a new area known as the Climate Adjusted Flood Elevation (CAFE), along with sweeping changes to stormwater management, wetlands conservation, and coastal area protection rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce has opposed the NJPACT REAL Rules and continues to remain in opposition to the rules as written, and is alarmed by the long-term consequences these rules may inflict on new development, redevelopment, the renovation of existing structures, and the overall business climate in Cape May County; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDEP failed to conduct a comprehensive and independent economic analysis of the NJPACT REAL rules to determine how the rules will impact businesses, local governments, critical infrastructure projects, affordable housing, and residents throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJPACT REAL rules fail to adequately address how the new standards may increase the State's cost of living, devalue property, and diminish the ratable base of county and municipal governments, which is critical for delivering essential services to businesses and residents alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDEP circumvented the State Legislature by enacting these rules through the Governor's Executive Order, thereby disregarding the opportunity to adopt a more measured, reasonable, and collaborative approach to effectively balance the risks imposed by climate change and sea level rise with the long-term economic and social needs of the Garden State;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 920 member businesses in Cape May County and throughout Southern New Jersey, hereby formally and enthusiastically supports Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 106 (Scutari, D-22, Burzichelli, D-3 and Testa, R-1), which would determine that the NJPACT REAL Rules are inconsistent with legislative intent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution was adopted on the 12th day of March, 2026, by the Executive Board of Directors of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce.



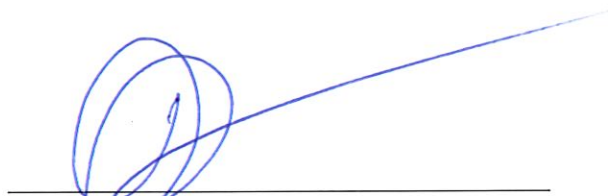
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