**MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED DEED OF EASEMENT VIOLATION POLICY**

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.A.C. 2:76-18A(d) requires that all County Agricultural Development Boards conduct annual monitoring visits of farms which have been preserved under the Agricultural Retention and Development Act (N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq.) or the Garden State Preservation Trust Act (N.J.S.A. 13:8C-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid monitoring visits are conducted to enforce and assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Deed of Easement in place on preserved farms; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board adopted a Deed of Easement Violation Policy (“2020 Violation Policy”); and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board determined to modify the 2020 Violation Policy; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board, at its June 5, 2023 meeting, adopted an amended Deed of Easement Violation Policy which contains the process which the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board shall follow upon identification of a possible violation of a Deed of Easement on a preserved farm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amended Deed of Easement Violation Policy supersedes the 2020 Violation Policy and is intended to take effect immediately upon adoption by the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board.

I CERTIFY that the above resolution as adopted at a meeting of the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board on June 5, 2023.

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Leslie R. Floyd, Acting Secretary