

## **RESOLUTION**

*(The following is a model resolution – the essential elements are contained in the “Resolved” paragraphs which adopt the amended bylaws and designates the representative and alternates)*

WHEREAS, the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds (“ADW”) was formed in January 2007 pursuant to Public Act 517 of the Public Laws of 2004; and

WHEREAS, the ADW consists of 21 public agencies (Allen Park, Belleville, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Township, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Westland, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District and Wyandotte) in the Ecorse Creek, Combined Downriver, and Lower Huron River Watersheds in southeast Michigan. The agencies and communities that comprise the ADW have and continue to achieve substantial benefits by their joining together and cooperatively managing the rivers, lakes, and streams within the watersheds and in providing mutual assistance in meeting state water discharge permit requirements of the Members; and

WHEREAS, the ADW Membership benefits have included:

- Collaborative approach to stormwater management – working together with surrounding local governments to determine the best plan to improve storm water quality.
- Help meet NPDES permit requirements for Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan • Public Education Plan • Public Participation Program and TMDL Implementation Plan through

collaborative watershed approach – reduces individual permittee costs. °

- Permittee assistance for training, progress reports, and audit preparation.
- Watershed in-stream monitoring for identifying grant-eligible capital improvements and evaluating effectiveness.
- Demonstrates collaborative effort with other local governments
- Regular meetings with ADW members and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) representatives. Keep up with the latest permit news and discuss problems/solutions with surrounding local government representatives.
- Strength in Numbers – local governments come together as a single voice and have the ability to influence higher decision-making.
- Grant Funding – since formation of the ADW, the team has secured nearly \$2.5 million in Federal and State grants to implement nearly \$3.4 million in water quality improvement projects in the downriver watersheds, and,

WHEREAS, the ADW Members approved and adopted Bylaws to set forth its composition, duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADW Members now desire to amend the Bylaws to conform to the customs and practices developed over the years by the ADW.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (*Insert Name of Public Entity's Governing Body or, if appropriate, elected public official*) formally adopts the amended bylaws for the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that consistent with the terms of the Alliance of Downriver Watershed bylaws, the (insert the name of the public entity's governing body or, if appropriate, elected public official) formally authorizes (Insert title of person with authority to appoint) to designate a representative and an alternate representative to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds, and additional persons to represent the (Insert Public Entity's Name), if needed, as an additional alternate to assure voting representation.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that (insert name of public entity) continuing membership will be evidenced by payment of its voluntary assessment on an annual basis to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds.

Adopted (Date), (Year)

Certifying Official and Title)

To report the results of your agency's official action on the amended bylaws and to formally confirm adoption of the amended bylaws, please send a signed, official copy of the resolution to Valerie Novaes, ADW Facilitator, OHM Advisors, [valerie.novaes@ohm-advisors.com](mailto:valerie.novaes@ohm-advisors.com), 34000 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, MI 48150.