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**Resolution supporting the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs
Environmental Bond Act of 2022**

WHEREAS, manmade climate change is increasing the frequency of severe storms, damaging our ecosystem, and threatening coastal regions, placing Westchester County at risk; and

WHEREAS, New York State urgently needs improved wastewater and drinking water infrastructure; critical water infrastructure is well past its intended lifespan and some systems are over 100 years old; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County has experienced severe flooding brought on by more frequent and severe storms; the remnants of Hurricane Ida caused between \$16 billion and \$24 billion in damage to our region, damaged or destroyed many homes and demonstrated vulnerabilities in municipal water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, investing in our water infrastructure will reduce flooding, reduce exposure to lead and other hazardous substances, and create jobs and other tangible economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has proposed the first environmental bond act in 20 years: The Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, which will be on the ballot for approval by New York's voters on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would authorize \$4.2 billion in bonds to finance critical environmental restoration and action to mitigate the impact of climate change, to finance the protection of New York State's clean water reserves, to finance infrastructure projects rebuilding in areas damaged by flooding and projects that reduce the risk of flooding in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 provides the crucial resources necessary to respond to the crises facing our state and our county; now, therefore, be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators believes the passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 will be helpful to improve many aspects of Westchester's environment.

Dated: September 29, 2022
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEES ON

Dated: September 28, 2022
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "James J. ...", written in a cursive style.