<u>RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT, ADOPT AND DEEM AS COMPLETE THE DRAFT</u> <u>FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT</u>

WHEREAS, by action of its Board of Trustees on January 12, 2020, Westchester Joint Water Works ("WJWW"), as Lead Agency under Article 8 of NYS Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR 617 ("SEQR"), adopted a Positive Declaration in connection with the proposed Rye Lake Filtration Plant project ("Project") which triggered the need for preparation of an environmental impact statement ("EIS") for the review of any potentially significant adverse impacts that may result from the Project; and

WHEREAS, at the Board of Trustees Meeting on March 23, 2021, WJWW adopted a draft scope for the EIS, commenced the comment period, circulated and made copies available and conducted a public scoping session April 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, after receiving and considering all comments, at the Board of Trustees Meeting on October 26, 2021, WJWW adopted a revised scoping document as the Final Scope and directed preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") based upon the adopted Final Scope; and

WHEREAS, at the April 12, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, WJWW (a) reviewed the contents of a draft EIS, (b) determined said draft adhered to the adopted Final Scope and the standards set forth in SEQR, and (c) deemed the draft EIS as complete for purposes of commencing public review and for providing the public and involved agencies with the necessary information to evaluate Project impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, throughout the public comment period which ended on June 6, 2022, WJWW received comments on the draft EIS in various formats, including during a duly noticed public hearing conducted on May 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, at the September 28, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting, WJWW reviewed a draft final EIS which contained a list of and responses to comments received on the draft EIS during the public comment period as required by §616.9 of the SEQR regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of WJWW hereby deems the final EIS dated September 28, 2022 as complete, and in combination with the draft EIS previously deemed as complete on April 12, 2022, hereby determines that the EIS contains analyses and conclusions which are adequate and accurate representations of the essential assessments of the Project as required by SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, a Notice of Completion shall be prepared and along with a complete copy of the final EIS, said documents shall be uploaded to WJWW's Project-specific website https://wjwwfiltration.org/ and published, distributed, forwarded and otherwise made available in accordance with §617.12 of the SEQRA regulations.

