WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of New Jersey recognized, in 1975, that affordable housing is the responsibility of every New Jersey municipality.

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Court’s ruling has been delayed for decades.

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the most densely populated state, which has created a strain on our water supply, wastewater infrastructure, open space and other natural resources.

WHEREAS, housing is the biggest expense for most families as well as an investment in their future, housing has become another symbol of income and wealth disparity in New Jersey and the nation.

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter (Sierra Club) to address and eliminate or mitigate the threats and effects of climate change.

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club is committed to protecting forests, watersheds, wetlands and other natural spaces and threatened and endangered species.

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club recognizes that the principles guiding affordable housing must include equity, inclusion, and justice for all.

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club has developed environmental and societal Principles and Proposals that municipalities should take into account while implementing plans and development of affordable housing throughout the state while balancing the need for preserving open space, farmlands, and wildlife habitats.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sierra Club supports the obligation of affordable housing, which allows for equal opportunities for all residents of New Jersey to benefit from all the resources available throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sierra Club recognizes that the natural and human environments are inextricably linked. As such we declare that we remain committed to the responsible and sustainable use of the earth’s ecosystems.

Signed,

Richard Isaac, Chair
Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter

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