RESOLUTION NO. --APPROVING JOINT SEWER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE CHAIRPERSON TERM LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility (“IAWWTF”) is owned and operated by the City of Ithaca, Town of Ithaca, and Town of Dryden (“Municipal Owners”), with oversight provided through this Special Joint Committee (“SJC”) composed of representatives from the three Municipal Owners,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Owners entered into a December 31, 2003 Joint Sewer Agreement that governs IAWWTF administration and operations,

WHEREAS, Section 13.3 of the Joint Sewer Agreement provides as follows:

“13.3 The SJC will elect its own chairperson annually and shall establish scheduled monthly meeting dates to provide for timely referrals to the Parties’ respective boards or governing bodies. No chairperson shall serve for more than two consecutive one-year terms but may be re-elected after a minimum of a one-term period has elapsed since that person last served as chairperson.”

WHEREAS, at its meeting on February 20, 2019, the SJC adopted a resolution recommending elimination of the limit on a chairperson serving more than two consecutive terms, because it often takes an SJC chairperson more than a year to develop enough understanding of the IAWWTF and the chairperson role to function efficiently and effectively with the other SJC members and staff,

WHEREAS, Section 17.1 of the Joint Sewer Agreement provides that it may be amended as follows:

“17.1 This Agreement may be modified or amended by an instrument in writing, duly executed and acknowledged by the duly authorized representatives of each Party, upon approval by majority vote of the voting strength of the respective governing bodies of said Party.”

RESOLVED, the City of Ithaca/Town of Ithaca/Town of Dryden approves and authorizes the Mayor/Ithaca Town Supervisor/Dryden Town Board to execute an amendment to the Joint Sewer Agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney/Attorney for the Town, that eliminates the chairperson term limit by deleting the second sentence in Section 13.3, so that Section 13.3 reads as follows:

“13.3 The SJC will elect its own chairperson annually and shall establish scheduled monthly meeting dates to provide for timely referrals to the Parties’ respective boards or governing bodies.”

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