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Date: January 4, 2023  
Patrons: Chairman Thomas Wright  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF MARTIN BIERBAUM TO NEW JERSEY LAND USE**

**WHEREAS**, Martin Bierbaum served New Jersey residents for 35 years as a true public servant who always had the best interests of the State at heart; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum passed away on November 6, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum held masters degrees in political science, and city and regional planning, a J.D. degree, and a Ph.D. in Planning and Public Policy from Rutgers University; and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout his 35 years in service to the people of New Jersey, Dr. Bierbaum served as Assistant Director of the Office of State Planning, as a member of the State's Senior Executive Service, as the State's first Environmental Planning Director with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and as Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum was a trusted advisor to Governors, local government officials, and professional staff on Smart Growth and sustainable policies; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum was instrumental in achieving numerous environmental protection initiatives with respect to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, watershed-based planning on the Whippany River, and the Barnegat Bay; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum represented cabinet members on the New Jersey State Planning Commission, the New Jersey State Lakes Commission, and the Lake Hopatcong Regional Planning Commission; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum held the position of Associate Director of the National Center for Smart Growth at the University of Maryland and provided guidance and expertise to numerous Smart Growth policy efforts in the State of Maryland; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum, received "Distinguished Leadership" awards from the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association in 2007 and from the New Jersey Planning Officials in 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bierbaum was instrumental in the development of several of New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plans, and the managing the State Plan's cross-acceptance process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Planning Commission recognizes Dr. Bierbaum's immense contribution to land use practices in New Jersey and extends its sincerest gratitude to him, his wife, Joan, and their two daughters, Ariel and Lauren, for his service and dedication to the people of New Jersey.

I hereby certify that this resolution was  
duly adopted by the State Planning Commission  
at its meeting on January 4, 2023

Donna A Rendeiro, Secretary  
State Planning Commission  
Dated: January 4, 2023