

**VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION APPOINTING LABERGE GROUP SPECIAL CONSULTANT FOR THE
INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF DISSOLUTION
ON THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS**

WHEREAS, by Petition dated July 1, 2021, duly certified on July 9, 2021 by the Village Clerk as containing a sufficient number of signatures to initiate a procedure to dissolve the Village of Highland Falls; and

WHEREAS, a referendum on the question of whether to dissolve the Village must be placed before the Village voters within a relatively short statutory time period and said voters have a right to understand the potential impacts of said dissolution before the vote is held; and

WHEREAS, in order to timely prepare a pre-vote interim dissolution study, the Mayor requested proposals from and also interviewed CGR and Laberge Group, which two firms had been highly recommended by other New York State Villages as providing invaluable and unbiased guidance to them and their constituents prior to the dissolution or consolidation referendum; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation, Laberge Group demonstrated a deep understanding of and experience with the Article 17-A dissolution or consolidation process with Villages including, but not limited to:

The Village of South Nyack,
The Village of Pawling,
The Village of Mastic Beach
The Village of Spencer,
The Village of Salem,
The Village of Mastic Beach,
The Village of Port Henry; and

WHEREAS, Laberge Group references were overwhelmingly positive and attested to the consulting firm's exceedingly high quality of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appropriates a sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) without prior approval of the Board for the purpose of retaining

Laberge Group to develop an Interim Dissolution Study as set forth in their proposal dated July 14, 2021, pending review by the Village Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the July 14, 2021, proposal.

On a motion by Trustee DiSalvo, seconded by Trustee Phillips, the Resolution was declared as adopted on a roll call vote of 3 ayes, 2 nays.

Mayor D'Onofrio	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Trustee Aylward	<u> </u> Aye	<u> x </u> Nay
Trustee DiSalvo	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Trustee Guerrero	<u> </u> Aye	<u> x </u> Nay
Trustee Phillips	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay

Dated: July 19, 2021

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk of the Village of Highland Falls, does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution of the Board of Trustees was filed in my office on the following date:

Regina M Taylor 7/20/2021
Signature and Date