



## RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NEW APPROACH TO AFFORDABILITY AND ASSESSING COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

**WHEREAS**, the Nation's municipalities and public clean water agencies are environmental stewards advancing the objectives of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation's municipalities and public clean water agencies — as well as the communities and households they serve — are facing the ongoing impacts from the most severe economic downturn since the Great Depression; and

**WHEREAS**, under current guidance and approaches, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and States with delegated CWA authority continue to impose costly regulatory requirements on, and pursue enforcement actions against, the Nation's public clean water agencies without fully considering the economic conditions impacting these agencies and the effectiveness of the resulting expenditures in meeting environmental goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA and members of Congress have, along with NACWA and other key stakeholders, expressed a willingness to work together to explore, develop, and implement new frameworks and approaches to determining affordability limits and assess community financial capability under the CWA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation's water quality would benefit far more from a viable and integrated approach to assessing community financial capability where limited resources could be targeted to achieving maximum environmental and public health benefit. . .

### **NOW THEREFORE,**

***Be It Resolved by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) that:***  
Elected and appointed leaders must work aggressively to establish a new approach to assessing affordability and community financial capability limits that incorporates sound economic principles and encourages flexibility and innovation toward meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act in a sustainable manner.