



**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION
TO ADDRESS THE WASTEWATER CAPACITY CRISIS IN UNION COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Union County Chamber serves as the voice for business in Union County, and

WHEREAS, the Union County Chamber, Board of directors, has adopted a Legislative agenda at the recommendation of the Chamber’s Public Policy Committee, and

WHEREAS, that legislative agenda identifies three guiding principles, and

WHEREAS, one of those guiding principles is that “the Chamber supports programs and initiatives that provide adequate cost effective public and private infrastructure, essential for business development, growth and prosperity throughout Union County”, and

WHEREAS, the Chamber has adopted a specific legislative agenda item stating “the Chamber supports efforts at the state county and municipal levels to

* implement the planning and funding mechanisms for increasing wastewater treatment capacity, and

* immediately begin the process of adding wastewater capacity, while implementing a method of allocation, that prioritizes industrial and commercial development”, and

WHEREAS, Union County does not currently have additional wastewater capacity to support new commercial and industrial development, and

WHEREAS, Union County has experienced similar wastewater capacity shortages in the recent past which limited growth and development at that time, and

WHEREAS, after discussion with numerous interest groups including Union County officials, no plan has been offered to expand wastewater capacity to alleviate, in either the short or long term, the current wastewater crisis faced by businesses and industry in the County, and

WHEREAS, the lack of long-term plans or efforts to significantly address wastewater capacity has created a sense of urgency that needs immediate attention at all levels of authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Chamber Board of Directors that Union County’s lack of wastewater capacity has become a crisis for business development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Union County Chamber Board of Directors reiterates its legislative priority for the immediate implementation of planning, and funding mechanisms for increasing wastewater treatment capacity in Union County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Union County Chamber Board of Directors urges, elected officials at all levels of government, to take immediate action to begin resolving this crisis and the Union County Chamber pledges to work with any entity focused on solving the current wastewater capacity crisis.

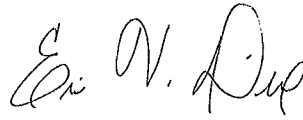
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Union County Chamber Board of Directors calls on our legislative delegation to establish a legislative study committee to investigate, study, and make recommendations on ways to assure adequate cost-effective wastewater capacity to address the immediate crisis and for long term business and industry growth and development. The Chamber recommends the study committee include representatives of various interest groups including the Union County Board of Commissioners and local municipal elected officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union County Chamber Board of Directors directs the Chamber President and CEO to forward a copy of this resolution to all county and municipal governing boards, and each member of Union County's State Legislative delegation.

Adopted this 19th day of May 2023.



Pat Kahle, IOM
President/CEO



Eric Dixon, Chair
Board of Directors