

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 67-14

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
AND ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' PROPOSED *DEFINITION ON "WATERS OF
THE UNITED STATES"* UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT**

Introduced By:

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council recognize the Clean Water Act is the fundamental federal law protecting the Waters of the United States from pollution, degradation and destruction and strong federal standards are needed because water does not respect political boundaries; and

WHEREAS, critical streams and wetlands which supply drinking water, protect against floods and filter pollution previously were protected under the Clean Water Act, but federal policy changes over the last decade have left these streams and wetlands vulnerable to degradation or destruction; and

WHEREAS, these vulnerable waters of the United States impact sources of drinking water for over 117 million Americans, including 5,885,000 residents in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 peer reviewed scientific studies have confirmed that headwater intermittent and ephemeral streams and wetlands affect the quantity and quality of water in larger bodies of water downstream; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers have proposed a clarifying rulemaking that all tributary streams, regardless of size or frequency of flow are covered under the Clean Water Act and according to Clean Water Action will restore protections to 2210 miles of streams in Maryland that 77% of our residents depend on for drinking water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council hereby support proposed *Definition of "Waters of the United States"* under the Clean Water Act and urges the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to finalize these important protections for our nation's water resources.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

GOODALL

YEA

KENNEDY II

YEA

STONER

YEA

BARNES

YEA

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MANN	<u>YEA</u>
SMITH-BARNES	<u>YEA</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>YEA</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution No. 67-14 was passed by the required yea and nay votes of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights on the 3rd day of November 2014.

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: _____
Jacqueline Goodall, Mayor

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: _____
Cynthia Mann, Council President