

STATE OF NEW YORK }
 :S.S.:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS }

I, JULIA WALLACE, Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Freeville, County of
Tompkins and State of New York, have compared the attached resolution to the
original and DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of the
resolution duly enacted at a Joint Public Hearing with the Town of Dryden and the
Village of Dryden at the Town of Dryden, 93 East Main Street, Dryden, NY, on October
15, 2026, and of the whole thereof, as entered upon the minutes of the proceedings. IN
WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporation seal of
the said Village this 19th day of October 2026.

Julia Wallace, Clerk-Treasurer

Corporate Seal

On a motion by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Rangarajan the following was passed: Vote Juan Vazquez-Leddon: Aye, William Olson: Aye, Stephanie Ortolano: Absent, Anusuya Rangarajan: Aye, and Miles McCarty: Aye

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
FREEVILLE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRYDEN JOINT
FIRE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Town Law section 189-a authorizes the town board of a town and the boards of trustees of incorporated villages located in such town to establish in such town and villages a joint fire district for the purposes stated in such law, provided that all of the territory in said joint fire district shall be contiguous; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2026 the Town Board of the Town of Dryden and the Village Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville conducted a joint meeting of the aforementioned boards that was duly scheduled, noticed and convened at the Dryden Town Hall, 93 East Main Street Dryden, New York 13053, which location is within the proposed joint fire district, for the purpose of considering jointly proposing the establishment of a joint fire district that will include all of the Town of Dryden and Incorporated Villages of Dryden and Freeville with the exception of that portion of the Town of Dryden that is currently included within the McLean Fire District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolutions adopted by majority vote of the boards present as such meeting, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden and the Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville agreed to jointly consider the establishment of a joint fire district and further agreed to conduct a joint meeting and Public Hearing on October 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time at the Dryden Town Hall located at 93 East Main Street Dryden, New York 13053 which location is within the proposed joint fire district and that the statutory Notice of Joint Public Hearing was prepared, published and posted by the respective Town Clerk and Village Clerks as required by law; and

WHEREAS, at the joint meetings of the Town Board of the Town of Dryden and the Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville, a resolution was passed to designate the Town Board of the Town of Dryden as the lead agency for the purposes of environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regarding the establishment of the joint fire district; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2026, at the aforesaid time and place, the Town of Dryden and the Village Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville heard from members of the public for and against the establishment of a joint fire district and voted to hold a public hearing on October 15, 2026.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden, as lead agency pursuant to SEQRA, determined that the establishment of the joint fire district will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will

not be prepared. As such, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden, pursuant to SEQRA, has issued a Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination of Non-Significance regarding the creation of such joint district; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2026, at the aforesaid time and place, the Town of Dryden and the Village Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville held a joint public hearing and reviewed evidence and heard comments and questions from the members of the public present and interested in the establishment of a joint fire district that would encompass the entire Town of Dryden including the Villages of Dryden and Freeville and excluding only those portions of the Town of Dryden that are currently included within the boundaries of the McLean Fire District and considered: a) whether all of the property and property owners included in the proposed Dryden Joint Fire District would benefit from its creation; b) whether all of the property and property owners to be benefitted by the proposed Dryden Joint Fire District are included within the boundaries of the proposed district and c) whether the establishment of the proposed Dryden Joint Fire District was in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, upon the establishment of the proposed Dryden Joint Fire District, the joint fire district would not become the sponsor of a service award program pursuant to General Municipal Law section 216-b, and therefore, this resolution is not subject to a mandatory referendum pursuant to Town Law section 189-a(2)(b).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after due deliberation upon the evidence, comments and objections presented at the joint public hearing, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville hereby determines that the establishment of the proposed Dryden Joint Fire District is in the public interest of the property and property owners of the proposed Dryden Joint Fire District and that said Dryden Joint Fire District shall be established effective February 1, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dryden and the Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville shall appoint the initial five (5) member Board of Fire Commissioners of the Dryden Joint Fire District whose appointment shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. prevailing time on February 1, 2027 and shall serve until 11:59 p.m. prevailing time on December 31, 2027 unless elected in accordance with law at the annual fire district elections to take place on the second Tuesday of December 2027 and upon the selection of said commissioners, the Town Clerk of the Town of Dryden shall provide for the requisite notification on behalf of all municipalities as required by Town Law section 174; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Dryden Town Board and the Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville hereby waive the restrictions set forth in Town Law section 189-f that would require the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Dryden Joint Fire District to obtain approval of the Town Board of the Town of Dryden and the Boards of Trustees of the Villages of Dryden and Freeville before acquiring real property or easements.

On the motion of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum, therefore, this resolution was duly declared to have been adopted,

subject to a permissive referendum and shall not take effect until thirty (30) days have elapsed after its adoption, or unless approved at a special election of the qualified voters of the proposed Dryden Joint Fire District in the Village of Freeville after a proper petition calling for such election is filed with the Village Clerk of the Village of Freeville within the time permitted by law.

