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RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION PROTESTING A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN NJDEP AND THE
3M COMPANY REGARDING PFAS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) reached a proposed settlement with 3M Company (3M) that will supply up to \$450 million to compensate the citizens of New Jersey for injuries to their natural resources, to fund projects to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination of drinking water supplies and other environmental media across the state, to reimburse DEP and other arms of the State for costs incurred to investigate and prosecute claims based on PFAS contamination, for consumer impacts, and for penalties and punitive damages. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, 3M is released from liability stemming from its sale, marketing, distribution, use, or manufacture of PFAS in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has solicited public comment on the proposed Judicial Consent Order Approving Settlement with the 3M Company in the Matter of NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. DuPond De Nemours and Company, et al., Case No.: 1:19-CV-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.) by September 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wharton wishes to protest the proposed settlement due to the financial issues it may cause; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Wharton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a protest to the Proposed Judicial Consent Order Approving Settlement with the 3M Company in the Matter of NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. DuPond De Nemours and Company, et al., Case No.: 1:19-CV-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.) in advance of the deadline therefore.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: August 18, 2025

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**Cheryl Muzzillo,
Deputy Municipal Clerk**