

**SEQR RESOLUTION  
APHEREA INC./RTH REALTY HOLDINGS LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened on June 16, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in public session via video conference as authorized pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, as supplemented, issued by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, suspending provisions of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law that require public in-person access to public meetings and authorizing board members to participate in said meetings by conference call or similar service.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

**PRESENT:**

James Malcolm	Chair
Diane Eynon, Ph.D.	Vice Chair/Treasurer
Faye Storms	Assistant Treasurer
Michael J. Ham	Secretary
Orlando Reece	Assistant Secretary
Daniel Savona	Assistant Secretary
Richard O. Jones	Chief Financial Officer/Member

**ABSENT:**

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:**

Rose Woodworth	Chief Executive Officer
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.	Agency and Special Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Faye Storms, seconded by Richard O. Jones, to wit:

Resolution No. 0621-01

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DETERMINATION BY THE TOWN OF LLOYD PLANNING BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE APHEREA INC./RTH REALTY HOLDINGS LLC PROJECT AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 787 of the 1976 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 923 of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and

economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, RTH Realty Holdings LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a certain parcel of land containing approximately 3.50 acres and located on 323 Upper North Road in the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, New York (the "Land"); (2) the construction thereon of an approximately 12,000 square foot building (the "Facility"); and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment and other personal property (collectively, the "Equipment"), (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company and operated by Apherea Inc. as a storing and warehousing facility of furniture, artwork and accessories relating to home furnishing, and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on January 20, 2021 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on May 6, 2021 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located; (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on May 14, 2021 on a public bulletin board located at the Town Hall in the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, New York and on May 6, 2021 on the Agency's website; (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on May 8, 2021 in The Daily Freeman, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, New York; (D) as a result of the ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, and the suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, conducted the Public Hearing on May 19, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time electronically via conference call and zoom video conference rather than in person, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency has been informed that (A) the Town of Lloyd

Planning Board (the "Planning Board") was designated to act as the "lead agency" with respect to the Project and (B) on October 24, 2019 the Planning Board determined that that the Project is a "unlisted action" which will not have a "significant effect on the environment" and, therefore, that an "environmental impact statement" is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project and issued a negative declaration with respect thereto (the "Negative Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, at the time that the Planning Board determined itself to be the "lead agency" with respect to the Project, it was not known that the Agency was an "involved agency" with respect to the Project, and, now that the Agency has become an "involved agency" with respect to the Project, the Agency desires to concur in the designation of the Planning Board as "lead agency" with respect to the Project, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Negative Declaration and to indicate that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF ULSTER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (A) The Agency has received copies of, and has reviewed, the Application, an environmental assessment form prepared by the Company and the Negative Declaration (collectively, the "Reviewed Documents") and, based upon said Reviewed Documents and the representations made by the Company to the Agency at this meeting, the Agency hereby ratifies and concurs in the designation of the Planning Board as "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA).

(B) The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA (as such quoted phrase is used in SEQRA).

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

James Malcolm	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Diane Eynon, Ph.D.	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Faye Storms	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Michael J. Ham	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Orlando Reece	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Daniel Savona	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Richard O. Jones	VOTING	<u>YES</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

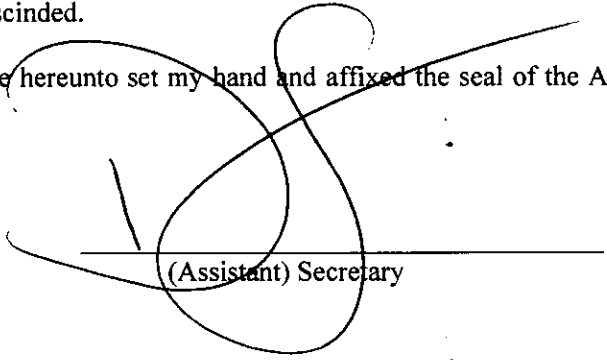
STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
  ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF ULSTER                    )

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on June 16, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), except as modified by Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present, either in-person or appearing telephonically in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 18 day of June, 2021.



(Assistant) Secretary

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