WHEREAS, in 1935 a group of thirty-five (35) independent lumber and building material dealers got together and formed the Lumbermans Merchandising Corporation on the principle that a group working together is more efficient than any one individual working alone. Through the years, the Lumbermans Merchandising Corporation stockholders have stuck to their original principle and they have become a major force in the lumber and building materials industry; and

WHEREAS, the Lumbermans Merchandising Corporation has survived the Great Depression, World War II and other major conflicts and strife, as well as the ups and downs of booms and recessions throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, the Lumbermans Merchandising Corporation has worked hard, generation to generation, to supply building materials for homes, churches and buildings in communities and thus generating jobs that contribute to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, H.J. Opdyke Lumber Co. has been a member of the Lumbermans Merchandising Corporation since its 1935 inception;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon hereby recognizes the Lumbermans Merchandizing Corporation on its propitious 75th Anniversary, to be observed on March 05, 2010, at its annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

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William G. Mennen, Freeholder Director   George B. Melick, Deputy Director

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J. Matthew Holt, Freeholder       Ronald M. Sworen, Freeholder

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Erik G. Peterson, Freeholder