



**A Resolution by the
Georgia Society of Professional Engineers
State Board of Directors, March 24, 2022**

Whereas The Georgia Society of Professional Engineers, in agreement with the National Society of Professional Engineers and numerous other engineering professional societies, adhere that in the practice of engineering, **the safety, health, and welfare of the public is held paramount,**

And whereas, The Georgia State Legislature, recognizing the impact and responsibilities of engineering professionals regarding public safety, health, and welfare, did establish the *Georgia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors* (PELS Board) to license professional engineers and professional land surveyors and to regulate the practice of those professions,

And whereas, Under the current financial and staffing constraints as part of the Georgia Secretary of State Office Professional Licensing Boards Division the PELS board is hampered in fully carrying out its duties of serving the people of Georgia to “safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare” in compliance with § 43-15-1,

And whereas, The Georgia legislature is giving consideration to House Bill 476 (HB 476), Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021, which amends the existing law to establish the PELS Board as an independent state agency, with its own separate budget and its own executive, support, legal advisor, and investigative staff,

And whereas, The independent boards that regulate the practice of professional engineering and professional land surveying in all of the other southern states perform their respective duties well,

And whereas, The Georgia Real Estate Commission and the Georgia State Board of Accountancy are models of independent Georgia state agencies that successfully and efficiently regulate their respective professions in service to the people of Georgia,

And whereas, The Georgia House of Representatives did in 2021 overwhelmingly pass HB 476, and the Georgia State Senate Committee on Regulated Industries & Utilities did unanimously approve HB 476 in 2021 and again on March 24 of 2022,

Be it known that the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers State Board of Board of Directors, continues to endorse HB 476, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021 and urges its passage and enactment into law.

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