RESOLUTION 2025-09 CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS the Village of Albion recognizes the growing importance of addressing climate change and enhancing community resilience through proactive local planning; and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted its current Comprehensive Plan in 2013, and recognizes the need to update it to reflect better current conditions, community priorities, and emerging environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Albion desires to integrate Climate Smart Communities (CSC) strategies into its updated Comprehensive Plan to promote sustainability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect natural resources, and prepare for climate-related risks; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State offers grant funding through the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program to support eligible municipalities in planning and implementing climate-related initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to apply for up to 90% of the total eligible project costs under the CSC Planning Grant program and will provide the required 10% local match using Village funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Village Board hereby authorizes the submission of a Climate Smart Communities Planning Grant application to the New York State Department of State.
- 2. The Mayor and/or Village Clerk-Treasurer are authorized to execute all financial and administrative processes relating to the grant application and, if awarded, to enter into a contract with the State of New York and oversee the project's implementation.
- 3. The Village affirms its commitment to climate action planning and its intent to become a Certified Climate Smart Community in the future.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.