**NJ Green Amendment (SCR43) Advocacy Campaign Brief**

**Winter/Spring Campaign Needs:**

Join us in helping advance a NJ Green Amendment (SCR43)-guaranteed rights to clean air, clean water, a stable climate and healthy environments- toward passage! Help expand our reach by making calls, passing resolutions, writing letters, and getting active on social media.

**Why a New Jersey Green Amendment?** Water is life. Existing federal policies, such as the National Environmental Policy Act, and state policies like the Global Warming Response Act are not strong enough to protect water or life against present and future attacks from polluters. Spiritually, it is our duty as humans to ensure protection of all creation through preventative policy.

**Problem:** We lack a stringent enough law or policy that allows for prevention and accountability with respect to the right to clean air, clean water, a stable climate and healthy environments for current and future generations.

**Policy Response:** Strong legal grounding to prevent excessive pollution and support a green, lush future for all generations.

**Goals:**

* **Raise awareness** about the legislation (SCR43) and opportunity for New Jersey residents to secure a just and stable clean, renewable energy future through an eventual constitutional amendment
* **Pass resolutions** in support of the New Jersey Green Amendment
* **Secure votes** for passage of the New Jersey Green Amendment

**Audiences:** Students, staff, members of faith communities/traditions, front and fence line residents, municipal and county level officials, legislators

 **Action(s):**

* **Educational Outreach**: i.e. phone banking, door hangers, letter writing, etc.
* **Presentations-** Waterspirit can provide availability for any/all NJ Green Amendment presentation requests
* **Communications & Media:** Speak out in support of the NJ Green Amendment across media, including social media

**Legislative Support at A Glance:**

This is a proposed amendment to the constitution of New Jersey; it must be passed by a vote of 3/5 of each house (24 Senate and 48 Assembly). With significant support in the legislature, the Green Amendment needs to be given a hearing so people may weigh in. To date, the legislative leadership have yet to grant this part of the process. It is imperative that people have the opportunity to learn about this potential legal grounding enjoyed by PA, MT and now NY.