



## **RESOLUTION**

### **Saluting Daniel M. Spada**

### **Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis**

**WHEREAS**, Daniel M. Spada has served the Adirondack Park Agency and the Adirondack Park in a long and distinguished career in the public sector since 1984, first as Associate Adirondack Park Project Analyst, Biological Resources, and later as Supervisor, Natural Resource Analysis in the Resource Analysis & Scientific Services Division; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Spada's career achievements have been impressive. He represented the Agency on numerous professional committees throughout his tenure, including NYS Invasive Species Council, Adirondack Research Consortium Board of Directors, Lake Champlain Basin Program Technical Advisory Committee and Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response Task Force, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, and Adirondack Park Institute. Mr. Spada also represented the Agency as an ambassador including international tours to Finland and China. Mr. Spada is a certified Professional Wetland Scientist and holds memberships in the Society of Wetland Scientists, Ecological Society of America and the Florida-Arctic-Adirondack Research Team. In addition to several awards and recognitions, Mr. Spada co-authored several publications and reports and presented at professional meetings and symposiums; and

**WHEREAS**, in his twenty-eight years with the Agency, Mr. Spada exhibited the highest levels of professionalism in his scientific analysis of Adirondack Park resources. He provided advice to the Agency board and staff that was always grounded within the Agency's mission to protect the Park's public and private lands. In his role as senior scientist at the Agency, Mr. Spada provided the model for all technical staff in the logical deliberation of often complex technical and legal issues. His steadfast support of sound science and engineering principles in the decision making process proved invaluable; and

**WHEREAS**, in his pursuit to have the Agency be a model for wetland science, Mr. Spada was responsible for securing over 2.6 million dollars in grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency for the research and mapping of wetlands and the protection of water quality in the Park. He initiated and coordinated the effort to revise and update the Agency's *Development in the Adirondack Park*, or "DAP," the guidance document for development on private lands. He also was a strong advocate of "RoJo," an agency-wide electronic document retrieval system, with a corresponding Naming Convention, which will transform the Agency's critical electronic files. Mr. Spada has shown extraordinary leadership in these endeavors, which well position the Agency for its future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Adirondack Park Agency pauses in its deliberations to congratulate Mr. Spada on his retirement and wish him success in his future endeavors. The Agency also expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Spada for all he has done for the greater good of the Adirondack Park Agency, the Adirondack Park and the State of New York.

Resolved and unanimously adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

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Leilani Crafts Ulrich  
Chairwoman

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Terry Martino  
Executive Director