

SHERMAN CRAIG Chairman **TERRY MARTINO** Executive Director

DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE LAKE GEORGE BEACH AND BATTLEFIELD PARK UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

Proposed for Adoption by the Adirondack Park Agency June 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act) directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master (APSLMP) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the APSLMP prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, a unit management plan for the Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park was adopted by DEC in 1981; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 1981 Plan, dated June 2018 (Proposed Final 2018 Amendment), has been proposed for adoption by DEC; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment to the 1981 Plan proposes a replacement by the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) of a 19th century administrative structure at the Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park with a new dualuse structure to serve as both the LGPC administrative office and a new visitor interpretative center that highlights the historical importance of the Lake George Battlefield Park grounds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as lead agency the LGPC determined that the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and filed notice thereof in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on May 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2018 the LGPC presented a February 2018 draft of the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment to the Agency; and

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WHEREAS, the Agency established a public comment period on conformance of the February 2018 draft of the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment with the APSLMP, which ran from April 18, 2018 through May 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received two written comments during the public comment period regarding the February 2018 draft of the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment; and

WHEREAS, both of the public comments raised historic preservation concerns that are addressed by the Letter of Resolution executed by DEC, LGPC, APA and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law; and

WHEREAS, one of the public comments raises APSLMP conformance issues addressed in the response to public comments attached as an appendix to the June 2018 Proposed Final 2018 Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the foregoing recitals, the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment, the May 31, 2018 Memorandum from Kathy Regan to Terry Martino, Agency staff's June 7, 2018 presentation, public comment, and the deliberations of Agency Board Members and Designees at the Agency's June 7, 2018 2018 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Agency finds that the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment to the 1981 Lake George Beach and Battlefield Park UMP, dated June 2018, conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: