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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO 2018 AMENDMENT TO THE GENERIC UNIT MANAGEMENT
PLAN FOR CAMPGROUNDS AND DAY-USE AREAS
(ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS)**

Proposed for Adoption
by the Adirondack Park Agency
November 9, 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 Plan (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 (UMP) complies with such guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, in August 1990, DEC adopted the Final Generic UMP for Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas (1990 Generic UMP) which provides information on the environmental setting, inventory of facilities, organizational structure, issues, constraints, management objectives, and effects for Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas in both the Adirondack and Catskill Parks; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the DEC amended the 1990 Generic UMP to authorize firewood storage buildings in campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, New York State is implementing the Charge NY 2.0 program and plans to install 10,000 charging ports for electric vehicles within New York State by 2021, through programs such as DEC's Municipal Clean Vehicle and Infrastructure rebate program, NYSERDA's Drive Clean consumer rebate program, and NYPA's Evolve NY program; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 30,000 electric vehicles registered in New York State with great potential for future growth; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of adding Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in rural areas include expanding areas in the state where electric vehicles can be driven; reducing greenhouse gas emissions in more areas of the state; and reducing overall gas consumption with the use of more fuel-efficient vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in August 2018, DEC prepared a draft amendment to the 1990 Generic UMP (Draft 2018 UMP Amendment), providing for EV charging stations at Campgrounds and Day-Use areas, and accepted public comment on the Draft 2018 UMP Amendment from August 29, 2018 through September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2018, DEC presented the Draft 2018 UMP Amendment to the Agency and the Agency established a public comment period on conformance of the Draft 2018 UMP Amendment with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP from September 13, 2018 through October 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Agency did not receive any comments during its public comment period; and

WHEREAS, DEC has prepared a proposed final amendment to the 1990 Generic UMP, providing for EV charging stations at Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas, dated October 2018 (Proposed Final 2018 Amendment); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, DEC 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 October 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment proposes to authorize construction of EV charging stations at Intensive Use Area facilities that include Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas in the Adirondack Park managed by DEC, Division of Operations, which will provide the public an opportunity to charge electric vehicles when using DEC Campgrounds and Day-Use areas; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018 DEC presented the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment to the Agency and APA staff made a presentation recommending that the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the foregoing recitals, the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment, Agency staff's October 31, 2018 Memorandum, DEC and Agency staffs' November 8, 2018 presentations, public comment, and the deliberations

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of Agency Board Members and Designees at the Agency's November 8-9, 2018 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Agency finds the Proposed Final Amendment to the Generic Unit Management Plan for Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations), dated October 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:

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