



**Resolution Adopted by the  
Adirondack Park Agency  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan**

**June 14, 2012**

**Whereas**, New York State has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the recognition of the need for the protection of the Adirondacks through the 1885 establishment of the Forest Preserve, the 1892 creation of the Adirondack Park, and the subsequent Article XIV constitutional protection; and

**Whereas**, following the creation of the Adirondack Park Agency in 1971, on June 1, 1972 the Agency completed the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and submitted it to the Governor calling for the management of public lands in the Adirondack Park; and

**Whereas**, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan established guidelines and a classification system for the public lands of the Park; and

**Whereas**, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan established a process for the development of unit management plans by the Department of Environmental Conservation which now manages more than one million acres of Wilderness lands and more than one million acres of Wild Forest lands in the Adirondack Park; and

**Whereas**, Wilderness areas within the Park provide a unique recreational opportunity, rare in the eastern part of the country, where the imprint of human activity and use is substantially unnoticeable and where there are outstanding opportunities for solitude, while Wild Forest and campgrounds provide Park residents and visitors with a wide range of outdoor opportunities, including camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and other recreational pursuits in a setting and scale in harmony with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Park; and

**Whereas**, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan also provides management guidelines for the State lands managed by the Olympic Regional Development Authority at Whiteface Mountain, Gore Mountain and Mt. Van Hoevenberg which offer exceptional facilities for Olympic events and downhill skiing; and

**Whereas**, the Adirondack Park serves as a conservation model of how people, communities, wilderness and open space coexist for the benefit of Adirondack Park residents, its 103 towns and villages, and all New Yorkers who also experience the advantages from the national and global recognition for the specialness of place of the Adirondack Park.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, the Adirondack Park Agency does hereby recognize June 1, 2012 as the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the completion of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

Resolution adopted unanimously on this date, June 14, 2012.

**Members Present:** R. Booth, S. Craig, A. Lussi, J. McCormick (DED), F. Mezzano, D. Scozzafava (DOS), R. Stegemann (DEC), W. Thomas, L. Ulrich, W. Valentino, C. Wray