



Adirondack Park Agency

RESOLUTION in COMMEMORATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TERRY MARTINO

Whereas: On August 12, 2009, the Adirondack Park Agency Board appointed Terry Martino as Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Agency. For the next twelve and a half years, Executive Director Martino led the Park Agency with dignity, respect, and fundamental fairness until her retirement on February 22, 2022; and

Whereas: Terry Martino's exceptional background was deeply rooted in decades of Adirondack environmental stewardship and smart growth accomplishments. Prior to her appointment to the Park Agency, she successfully advocated for the North Country as the Executive Director of the Adirondack North Country Association; and

Whereas: Terry Martino's deep familiarity with the unique issues of the Adirondack Park combined with her exceptional managerial skills resulted in transformational benefits. Staff divisions were reorganized to enhance interdisciplinary science-based decision making in an efficient and consistent manner. Permit and variance applications were revised to reduce redundancy, improve clarity, and promote the timely submission of critical information required to complete review; and

Whereas: Under Terry Martino's leadership, the Agency reviewed many of the most complex and controversial projects in the history of the Adirondack Park Agency. Her calm demeanor, keen attention to detail, and uncanny ability to build consensus were invaluable to all who worked with her. Her resolve and commitment to the principles of the Adirondack Park Agency Act inspired staff and Board Members to conduct themselves with the utmost professionalism and integrity in the pursuit of their duties; and

Whereas: Her commitment to environmental protection and smart growth community development is truly evident across the Adirondack Park. Completion of public infrastructure projects, improvements to tourism facilities, and the expansion of lifesaving telecommunication and emergency service communications all occurred without diminishing the Park's natural resources. Protection of water quality, sustainable forestry, rapid response to invasive species management, retention of open space and critical environmental areas were achieved; and

Whereas: During Terry Martino's tenure, New York State built on its environmental legacy through historic additions to the Adirondack Park Forest Preserve. The Agency approved State Land Classification Actions across all twelve Adirondack Park counties. Terry Martino guided agency staff as they worked with the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Olympic Regional Development Authority on numerous Unit Management Plans to ensure long term protection of natural resources and to provide reasonable access to these stunningly beautiful wildlands; and

Whereas: Terry Martino was deeply dedicated and cared for all staff members at the Adirondack Park Agency. Throughout her time as Executive Director she prioritized the safety and wellbeing of staff and board members. This was never more evident than during the Covid 19 pandemic where she steadfastly worked to overcome the ever changing and complex challenges confronting us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board Members and Staff of the Adirondack Park Agency on this 10th day of March 2022 express their friendship and deep appreciation to Terry Martino for her accomplishments and service to the Adirondack Park Agency and the great State of New York.

Members: Chair John Ernst, Arthur Lussi, Daniel Wilt, Zoë Smith, Andrea Hogan, Mark Hall, Kenneth Lynch, Bradley Austin, Kisha Santiago-Martinez, and Joseph Zalewski.