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Chairwoman

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Executive Director

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE 2016 WILMINGTON WILD FOREST
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT**

July 14, 2016

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

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

WHEREAS, in October 2005 the Department adopted a unit management plan for the Wilmington Wild Forest, located in Essex County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has prepared a draft unit management plan amendment for the Wilmington Wild Forest (the Plan) dated May 2016 which proposes the establishment of additional recreational trails that build upon the 2005 UMP and addresses management issues that have been identified over the past 10 years.; and

WHEREAS, the Department has made a Negative Declaration on December 9, 2015 finding that the proposed actions contained in the Plan will not have a significant effect on the environment and that no Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Department is the lead agency, and the Agency is an involved agency whose staff have been consulted in the preparation of the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the Plan is consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recognizes the need to protect the natural resources, improve public use and enjoyment of the area, avoid user conflicts and prevent overuse according to the guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Wilmington Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment dated, May 2016, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

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

Resolution adopted on this date, July 14, 2016.

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NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: