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Chairman

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Executive Director

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS MANAGEMENT COMPLEX
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE VALCOUR ISLAND PRIMITIVE AREA,
SCHUYLER ISLAND PRIMITIVE AREA, CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS WILD FOREST
AREA, PERU DOCK BOAT LAUNCH INTENSIVE USE AREA, PORT DOUGLAS
BOAT LAUNCH INTENSIVE USE AREA AND WILLSBORO BAY BOAT LAUNCH
INTENSIVE USE AREA**

February 10, 2017

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or Department) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (APA or Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Master Plan for Management of State Lands 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 Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Champlain Islands Management Complex (LCIMC) includes lands in the Towns of Peru and Plattsburg, Clinton County, The Towns of Chesterfield, Westport, Crown Point and Ticonderoga, in Essex County and includes six of the seven state-owned islands in Lake Champlain and three boat launch sites distributed along the shore of the main body of Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Department filed a Negative Declaration that the proposed UMP will not have a significant effect on the environment and published notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on August 2, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, the Department received public comment on the proposed LCIMC UMP and the Agency received public comment related to issues of the plan's conformance with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP until January 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the Final Unit Management Plans for the Valcour Island Primitive Area, the Schuyler Island Primitive Area, the Champlain Islands Wild Forest Area, The Peru Dock Boat Launch Intensive Use Area, the Port Douglas Boat Launch Intensive Use Area and the Willsboro Bay Boat Launch Intensive Use Area, dated November, 2016, are consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, within the Valcour Island Primitive Area, the Department has proposed maintaining a fence around a memorial known as the Nomad Site. The Nomad site was established when Valcour Island was in private ownership; the fence itself was placed after the state acquired title for the purpose of protecting the site from vandalism; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed LCIMC UMP; and

WHEREAS, the LCIMC UMP 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 APSLMP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Lake Champlain Islands Management Complex Unit Management Plan for the Valcour Island Primitive Area, the Schuyler Island Primitive Area, the Champlain Islands Wild Forest Area, the Peru Dock Boat Launch Intensive Use Area, the Port Douglas Boat Launch Intensive Use Area and the Willsboro Bay Boat Launch Intensive Use Area dated November, 2016, conform with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposed actions and management proposals are consistent with the social, economic and other essential considerations required under ECL Article 8 and implementing regulations from among the reasonable alternatives available, and which avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; 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, February 10, 2017.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

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