

**A Resolution In Support of the Efforts of The Adirondack Railroad Trail
Advocates to Establish a Multi-Use Trail Along the Adirondack
Railroad Transportation Corridor**

WHEREAS, the New York State Snowmobile Association represent snowmobilers from throughout the State of New York and beyond; and

WHEREAS, snowmobiling contributes \$868 million dollars in to the New York State economy; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Snowmobile Association has held for many years and holds the ‘temporary use permit’ for snowmobile use and trail maintenance activity in which many snowmobile clubs and volunteers participate; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondacks is the number one area for snowmobiling in the State holding 28% of all snowmobile activity in NY; and

WHEREAS, a Unit Management Plan was prepared by a committee of state agencies led by NYS Department of Transportation in 1995; and

WHEREAS , this UMP identified the RR corridor as an important artery connecting snowmobile trails throughout a major portion of the Adirondack area; and

WHEREAS, the use of the corridor as a train corridor during three seasons of the year was identified to allow the railroad service to grow; and

WHEREAS , railroad service has not been established along the entire length of the rail corridor seventeen years after the adoption of the original UMP; and

WHEREAS , the cost of bringing this section of track up to a useable standard for train service is estimated to be well beyond, state and federal resources for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS , the temporary removal of track would allow that reach of the corridor to be developed into a multi-use trail that could bring immediate economic benefits to the adjoining communities and allow an extended snowmobile season; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Snowmobile Association Board of Directors does hereby support the efforts of The Adirondack Recreational Trail Advocates to have the rails removed over a stretch of the railroad corridor and have a recreational trail established provided that:

- 1. Jurisdiction of the RR Corridor shall remain with the NYS Department of Transportation; and**
- 2. That the railroad corridor notwithstanding any current use remain a transportation corridor under the land classifications of the Adirondack Land Master Plan; and**
- 3. That the Rail Road Corridor shall always be treated as a separate and distinct land unit within the Adirondack Forest Preserve and shall not be merged into any unit management plan administered by another state agency; and**
- 4. That the NYS Department of Transportation continue to maintain the RR corridor as a transportation corridor in a condition for possible future rail line use be re-established along the corridor if that use should once again be needed; and**
- 5. That a location for a maintenance/storage facility be researched in the Tri-Lakes area for the equipment operated by the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, and**
- 6. That no recreational ATV use be allowed.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed by the Secretary of NYSSA to the Governor, the Commissioners of the NYS Department of Transportation and Department of Environmental Conservation, the Adirondack Park Agency, members of the State Assembly and Senate who represent Adirondack and adjoining communities; the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, and to such others who may have an interest in the future of the Adirondack Railroad Corridor.

Adopted by the New York State Snowmobile Association,

this 6th day of October, 2012