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AN ACT authorizing the secretary of state to prepare recommendations for implementation of the management plan for the Mohawk Valley heritage corridor

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the secretary of state (hereinafter referred to as the "secretary") is hereby authorized to prepare recommendations for the implementation of the county and state approved management plan for the Mohawk Valley heritage corridor area identified in paragraph (o) of subdivision 1 of section 35.03 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law. Such recommendations shall provide for continuing and advancing the management plan's four goals of conservation, education, recreation and sustainable development and participation of corridor municipalities, businesses, organizations including, but not limited to, state and national heritage areas located in whole or in part within the corridor and residents following the scheduled repeal of article 37 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, which created the Mohawk Valley heritage corridor commission, on April 1, 2013.

S 2. In the process of preparation of recommendations the secretary shall consult with the commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of economic development, the commissioner of environmental conservation, the chief executive officer of the Capital District regional planning commission, the chairman of the New York state thruway authority and canal corporation, the respective chairs of the Capital region economic development council and the Mohawk Valley regional economic development council and the chief executive officer of the Oneida-Herkimer counties comprehensive planning program. In addition, the chief elected official from each of the counties of Albany, Schenectady, Montgomery, Schoharie, Herkimer, Fulton, Saratoga and Oneida shall identify a representative from their respective county to advise the

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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secretary on the interests and priorities of the counties with respect to the management plan. The secretary shall also seek advice from each city, town and village in such counties from representatives of a Native American Indian nation with federal and/or state legal recognition who resides in the Mohawk Valley and from state legislative and federal congressional representatives whose districts are located in whole or in part within the Mohawk Valley heritage corridor.

S 3. Within 3 months of the enactment of this act, the secretary shall convene at least two public meetings in different portions of the Mohawk Valley heritage corridor to evaluate the implementation of the corridor management plan and seek recommendations for updating the management plan and providing for a collaborative approach for its implementation. Before February 1, 2013, the secretary shall make available draft recommendations for implementation of the management plan and shall convene at least two public meetings before March 1, 2013 to get comments on such draft recommendations. On or before April 1, 2013, the secretary shall submit recommendations for implementation including any comments thereon received from the chief elected officials of each of the corridor counties to such chief elected officials and to the Assembly and the Senate of the state of New York.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.