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Introduced by M. of A. SWEENEY, BUTLER, STEC, DUPREY, MAGNARELLI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing for the settlement of a land dispute between the state and private parties with regard to parcels in township 40, Totten and Crossfield Purchase, in the town of Long Lake, county of Hamilton

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

1	Section 1. Article 9 of the environmental conservation law is amended
2	by adding a new title 19 to read as follows:
3	TITLE 19
4	TOWNSHIP FORTY SETTLEMENT ACT
5	SECTION 9-1901. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND INTENT.
6	9-1903. DEFINITIONS.
7	9-1905. LIST OF DISPUTED PARCELS.
8	9-1907. PROCESS FOR CLEARING TITLE.
9	9-1909. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE SUIT.
10	9-1911. CONVEYANCES TO THE STATE.
11	9-1913. ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY JURISDICTION.
12	9-1915. NOTARIZED STATEMENT.
13	S 9-1901. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND INTENT.
14	1. DURING THE LAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS, BOTH THE STATE AND PRIVATE
15	PARTIES HAVE CLAIMED TITLE TO IDENTICAL PORTIONS OF TOWNSHIP FORTY,
16	TOTTEN AND CROSSFIELD PURCHASE, IN THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE, COUNTY OF
17	HAMILTON. INDEED, SOME PRIVATE PARTIES HAVE OCCUPIED AND IMPROVED A
18	NUMBER OF SUCH PARCELS TO WHICH THE STATE CLAIMS TITLE AND, IN MANY
19	CASES, BOTH THE STATE AND PRIVATE PARTIES HAVE PAID TAXES ON SUCH
20	PARCELS. IN THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES, THE STATE AND SOME PRIVATE PARTIES
21	HAVE COMMENCED LITIGATION, AT SIGNIFICANT EXPENSE AND WITH LIMITED
22	SUCCESS, TO ESTABLISH THEIR RESPECTIVE CLAIMS OVER DISPUTED PARCELS. AS
23	A RESULT OF LONGSTANDING CLAIMS TO DISPUTED PARCELS, THE FREE TRANSFER
	EXPLANATIONMatter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets

[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 OF THE PARCELS HAS BEEN INHIBITED, THEREBY CREATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL 2 HARDSHIP IN TOWNSHIP FORTY WHICH, IN TURN, HAS PREVENTED BOTH STATE AND 3 PRIVATE PARTIES FROM THE FULL USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PARCELS. THE 4 LEGISLATURE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS NOT AN APPROPRI-5 ATE FORUM TO RESOLVE THESE LONGSTANDING TITLE DISPUTES AND THAT A STATU-6 TORY SOLUTION IS REQUIRED.

7 2. FOR THESE REASONS AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE LEGISLATURE FINDS 8 IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO COMPREHENSIVELY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY 9 THAT RESOLVE THESE LONGSTANDING TITLE DISPUTES IN A MANNER WHICH IS FAIR AND 10 EQUITABLE. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE 11 STATE, THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE, AND THE PRIVATE 12 PARTIES WHO CLAIM TITLE TO PORTIONS OF TOWNSHIP FORTY TO RESOLVE THESE 13 14 TITLE DISPUTES IN A STRUCTURED AND EFFICIENT MANNER THAT RESULTS IN 15 CLARIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS, ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO FOREST PRESERVE LANDS, AND THE QUIET ENJOYMENT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. 16

THE LEGISLATURE FURTHER FINDS THAT RESOLUTION OF THESE TITLE
 DISPUTES SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES THE INTEGRITY OF
 THE FOREST PRESERVE IN THE ADIRONDACK PARK AND THAT RESULTS IN A NET
 BENEFIT TO THE FOREST PRESERVE WHEN COMPARED TO THE CONTESTED PARCELS.

4. THE LEGISLATURE FURTHER FINDS THAT THE TITLE DISPUTES ASSOCIATED WITH TOWNSHIP FORTY CONSTITUTE A UNIQUE SITUATION, FOUND NOWHERE ELSE IN THE STATE, AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY IT IS EQUITABLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE TO RELINQUISH ITS CLAIM OF TITLE TO DISPUTED PARCELS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP. THIS RELINQUISHMENT OF CLAIMS TO TITLE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO SET PRECEDENT FOR THE RELINQUISHMENT OF CLAIMS TO TITLE WITH RESPECT TO OTHER LANDS OWNED BY THE STATE.

28 S 9-1903. DEFINITIONS.

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29 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOW-30 ING MEANINGS:

1. "COUNTY" MEANS THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON.

32 2. "DISPUTED PARCEL" MEANS A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP FORTY33 TO WHICH BOTH THE STATE AND A PERSON CLAIM TITLE.

34 3. "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, 35 TRUST, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR CORPORATION THAT CLAIMS TITLE TO A 36 DISPUTED PARCEL.

4. "TOWN" MEANS THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE, IN THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON.

38 5. "TOWNSHIP FORTY" MEANS TOWNSHIP FORTY, TOTTEN AND CROSSFIELD 39 PURCHASE.

40 S 9-1905. LIST OF DISPUTED PARCELS.

THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND, IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY'S TWO THOUSAND TWELVE ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND THE COUNTY'S ONLINE MAPPING SYSTEM AS OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT CONVEYANCES THEREFROM, ARE THE DISPUTED PARCELS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE:

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 37.016-1-1.210

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 37.016-1-1.220

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 37.016-1-2

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 37.016-1-3

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 37.016-1-4.110

- 52 37.016-1-4.120
- 53 37.016-1-4.131
- 54 37.016-1-4.132
- 55 37.016-1-4.140
- 56 37.016-1-4.150

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24 25 26 27 28	44.000-1-27.220 44.000-1-28 44.000-1-3 44.000-1-4.111 44.000-1-4.121 44.000-1-4.200 44.000-1-8 44.000-1-9
	44.000-1-9 44.000-1-10 44.000-1-11 44.000-2-32.100 44.000-2-33.100 44.000-3-1 44.000-3-10 44.000-3-11
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38	44.018-1-22.115
39	44.018-1-22.116
40	44.018-1-22.120
41	44.018-1-22.200
42	44.018-1-23.111
43	44.018-1-23.112
44	44.018-1-23.120
45	44.018-1-23.120
46	44.018-1-23.200
47	44.018-1-23.311
48	44.018-1-23.312
49	44.018-1-23.320
50	44.018-1-27.110
51	44.018-1-27.200
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41 S 9-1907. PROCESS FOR CLEARING TITLE. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR FOR A CERTIFIED LIST, TO BE PREPARED FROM THE MOST CURRENT TAX ROLL, OF THE ADDRESSES OF WHO CLAIM TITLE TO THE DISPUTED ALL PERSONS PARCELS LISTED IN SECTION 9-1905 OF THIS TITLE. THE ASSESSOR SHALL 47 SUCH A LIST WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S PREPARE 48 REQUEST, AND INCLUDE ON THE LIST THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS 49 THE MOST CURRENT TAX ROLL AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS ON 50 WHO, NOT LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE ASSESSOR 51 RECEIVED THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, NOTIFIED THE ASSESSOR THAT THEY CLAIM 52 TITLE DISPUTED PARCEL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RELY ΤO Α UPON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE CERTIFIED LIST, AND FAILURE BY THE 53 54 DEPARTMENT TO GIVE NOTICE TO ANY PERSON CLAIMING TITLE WHO IS NOT 55 INCLUDED ON THE LIST OR IS NOT AT THE ADDRESS INCLUDED ON THE LIST SHALL ACTIONS 56 INVALIDATE ANY PROCEEDING OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS TITLE. NOT

WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED LIST FROM THE ASSES-1 SOR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND, BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, A LETTER TO EACH 2 3 PERSON INCLUDED ON THE LIST, INFORMING THE PERSON THAT A CONSTITUTIONAL 4 AMENDMENT HAS BEEN ADOPTED AND LEGISLATION ENACTED THAT AUTHORIZES A 5 RESOLUTION OF TITLE ISSUES ON DISPUTED PARCELS IN TOWNSHIP FORTY, 6 INCLUDING THE DISPUTED PARCEL TO WHICH THE PERSON CLAIMS OWNERSHIP 7 RIGHTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND A SEPARATE LETTER TO EACH PERSON 8 CLAIMING TITLE TO EACH DISPUTED PARCEL. SUCH LETTER SHALL DESCRIBE THE PROCESS FOR RESOLVING TITLE SET FORTH IN THIS TITLE AND STATE THAT, 9 10 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE STATE IS ESTOPPED FROM ASSERTING ITS CLAIM OF TITLE TO THE DISPUTED PARCEL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF 11 THIS SECTION, ANY PERSON CLAIMING TITLE TO THE DISPUTED PARCEL SHALL ASSUME 12 ALL THE RISK WITH RESPECT TO SUBDIVIDING OR ADDING NEW STRUCTURES 13 OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISPUTED PARCEL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY 14 OF EACH SUCH LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO, 15 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE LIST FROM THE ASSESSOR, PUBLISH 16 WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCESS TO CLEAR TITLE, INCLUDING A LIST BY TAX 17 LOT NUMBER OF THE PARCELS LISTED IN SECTION 9-1905 OF THIS TITLE, IN THE 18 STATE REGISTER, THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE BULLETIN AND A NEWSPAPER OF 19 20 GENERAL CIRCULATION IN TOWNSHIP FORTY.

21 2. WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER, 22 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, FOR EACH DISPUTED PARCEL, A 23 PERSON SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT, WITH COPIES TO THE OFFICE OF THE 24 ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE TOWN, A SEPARATE NOTARIZED STATEMENT AS SET 25 FORTH IN SECTION 9-1915 OF THIS TITLE, NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT EITHER: 26 A. THAT HE OR SHE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN THIS

A. THAT HE OR SHE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN THIS
TITLE TO RESOLVE TITLE TO THE DISPUTED PARCEL OR PARCELS, AND, IF SO,
WHETHER HE OR SHE INTENDS TO PROVIDE AS A GIFT TO THE STATE A SPECIFIED
PORTION OF A DISPUTED PARCEL IN FEE SIMPLE WITHOUT RESERVATIONS FOR
INCLUSION IN THE FOREST PRESERVE OR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE TOWN
RESTRICTING DEVELOPMENT OVER ALL OR A SPECIFIED PORTION OF A DISPUTED
PARCEL, WITH A SECONDARY RIGHT OF ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE; OR

33 B. THAT HE OR SHE DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED 34 BY THIS TITLE TO RESOLVE TITLE TO DISPUTED PARCELS.

35 3. WITH RESPECT TO A PARCEL OR CONSERVATION EASEMENT WHICH THE PERSON 36 INTENDS TO PROVIDE AS A GIFT TO THE STATE OR THE TOWN, RESPECTIVELY, AS 37 SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH A OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, THE TOWN 38 SHALL PROVIDE THE PERSON WITH AN ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPOSED CONVEY-39 ANCE, WITH A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT, WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS OF 40 THE TOWN'S RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUCH GIFT.

4. WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE LETTERS SENT BY THE DEPART-41 MENT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, ALL PERSONS WHO ARE 42 43 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN THIS TITLE TO RESOLVE TITLE TO 44 DISPUTED PARCELS SHALL CONVEY TO THE STATE ANY LAND WHICH SUCH PERSONS 45 EXPRESSED AN INTENT TO SO CONVEY PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH A OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, CONVEY TO THE TOWN ANY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WHICH 46 SUCH PERSONS EXPRESSED AN INTENT TO SO CONVEY PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH A OF 47 48 SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, AND MAKE PAYMENT TO THE TOWN IN THE 49 AMOUNT DUE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

50 WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE LETTERS SENT BY 5. THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, PERSONS PARTIC-51 IPATING IN THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN THIS TITLE TO RESOLVE TITLE TO 52 DISPUTED PARCELS SHALL PAY THE TOWN AN AMOUNT THAT APPROXIMATES THE 53 54 STATE'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN RESOLVING THE DISPUTED PARCELS SITUATED 55 WITHIN TOWNSHIP FORTY. THE PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DISPUTED 56 PARCEL SHALL BE THE SUM OF: (A) A FLAT RATE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER

AN AMOUNT EOUAL TO THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF THE 1 PARCEL; AND (B) PARCEL, INCLUDING STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON, 2 AS 3 DETERMINED BY THE TWO THOUSAND TWELVE TOWN ASSESSMENT, LESS THE ASSESSED 4 VALUE OF ANY PORTION OF SUCH PARCEL CONVEYED TO THE STATE IN FEE OR ANY 5 CONSERVATION EASEMENT CONVEYED TO THE TOWN, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH A OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF 6 7 ALL DISPUTED PARCELS, INCLUDING STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED 8 THEREON AS DETERMINED BY THE TWO THOUSAND TWELVE TOWN ASSESSMENT, MULTI-BY TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE TOWN SHALL USE ALL SUCH 9 PLIED 10 PAYMENTS TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR INCLUSION IN THE FOREST PRESERVE PURSUANT 11 TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION.

WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE LETTERS SENT BY THE 12 6. DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT 13 14 SHALL IDENTIFY LANDS FOR THE TOWN TO ACQUIRE FOR INCLUSION IN THE FOREST PRESERVE. SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL, SUCH LANDS SHALL PROVIDE A 15 16 NET BENEFIT TO THE FOREST PRESERVE AS COMPARED TO THE DISPUTED PARCELS TO WHICH THE STATE IS ESTOPPED FROM ASSERTING A CLAIM PURSUANT TO SUBDI-17 SEVEN OF THIS SECTION. THE TOWN SHALL USE ALL PAYMENTS ACOUIRED 18 VISION 19 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH 20 LANDS. SUCH LANDS SHALL BE CONVEYED FROM THE OWNER DIRECTLY TO THE 21 STATE. TITLE TO LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO THE STATE PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE THE DEED TO THE STATE SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AS 22 AND 23 TO FORM AND MANNER OF EXECUTION AND RECORDABILITY, BEFORE THE DEED SHALL 24 BE ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE STATE.

25 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CAUSE TO BE PREPARED AN ACCURATE SURVEY MAP 7. SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF ALL DISPUTED LAND TO WHICH THE STATE 26 WILL BE 27 RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST AND RECORD THE 28 SURVEY MAP IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO CAUSE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF SUCH BOUNDARIES TO BE PREPARED FROM THE 29 MAP. EXCEPT FOR THOSE PARCELS THE TITLE TO WHICH WILL BE LITIGATED 30 PURSUANT TO SECTION 9-1909 OF THIS TITLE, UPON LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF 31 32 LANDS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE STATE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THE 33 THIS SECTION, THE COMPLETION OF THE CONVEYANCES TO THE STATE, AND 34 CERTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT EACH RESPECTIVE PERSON HAS 35 COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS TITLE, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC LANDS LAW, THE COMMISSIONER 36 37 SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND 38 INTEREST OF THE STATE IN THE DISPUTED PARCELS THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN 39 THESE SURVEYED BOUNDARIES, WITHOUT RESERVATION AND EXCEPTION. THE LEGAL 40 DESCRIPTIONS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND INCORPORATED INTO THE RELEASE AND EXTINGUISHMENT DOCUMENT. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SEND 41 NOTICE OF THE STATE'S RELEASE AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS TO A DISPUTED 42 43 PARCEL BY SEPARATE LETTER TO EACH PERSON FOR EACH PARCEL OF LAND THE TITLE TO WHICH HAS BEEN SETTLED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE, AND UPON RELEASE 44 45 AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS, THE STATE SHALL BE ESTOPPED FROM ASSERTING ANY CLAIM OF TITLE TO DISPUTED PARCELS BASED UPON (A) FACTS OR ACTIONS 46 47 THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE, AND (B) DEEDS, TAX SALES OR OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT PREDATE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF 48 THIS 49 TITLE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO CAUSE TO BE PREPARED AN ACCURATE 50 SURVEY MAP, TO BE RECORDED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND A LEGAL 51 DESCRIPTION FROM THE SURVEY MAP, FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PARCEL OF LAND THE CLAIMANT OF WHICH HAS FILED A NOTICE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVI-52 SION TWO OF THIS SECTION OR HAS NOT COMPLIED IN A TIMELY FASHION WITH 53 54 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISIONS TWO, FOUR OR FIVE OF THIS SECTION. THE 55 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF SUCH SURVEY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION TO

1 THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ASSIST IN THE LITIGATION REQUIRED 2 BY SECTION 9-1909 OF THIS TITLE.

3 S 9-1909. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE SUIT.

4 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS OF EITHER A PERSON'S 5 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 6 THIS TITLE WITH RESPECT TO A PARTICULAR DISPUTED PARCEL, A 9-1907 OF 7 PERSON'S FILING OF A NOTICE OF NONPARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH B 8 SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 9-1907 OF THIS TITLE WITH RESPECT TO A OF PARTICULAR DISPUTED PARCEL, A PERSON'S FAILURE TO MAKE THE REOUIRED 9 10 CONVEYANCE REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION 9-1907 OF THIS TITLE 11 WITH RESPECT TO A PARTICULAR DISPUTED PARCEL, OR A PERSON'S FAILURE TO 12 THE REOUIRED PAYMENT REOUIRED BY SUBDIVISIONS FOUR AND FIVE OF MAKE SECTION 9-1907 OF THIS TITLE WITH RESPECT TO A PARTICULAR DISPUTED 13 14 PARCEL, SHALL COMMENCE AN ACTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION 15 PURSUANT TO THE REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS LAW TO DETERMINE 16 TITLE TO SUCH PARCEL. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE APPLICA-17 TO SUCH ACTION. FAILURE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COMMENCE SUCH BLE ACTION WITHIN SUCH TIME FRAME SHALL NOT SUBSEQUENTLY PREVENT THE ATTOR-18 19 NEY GENERAL FROM COMMENCING SUCH AN ACTION OR CREATE A PRESUMPTION 20 AGAINST THE STATE'S CLAIM OF TITLE.

21 S 9-1911. CONVEYANCES TO THE STATE.

22 NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS AT ANY TIME PREVENTING 23 PERSON CLAIMING A DISPUTED PARCEL FROM OFFERING TO CONVEY ANY SUCH ANY 24 PARCEL, ANY PORTION OF SUCH PARCEL, OR ANY INTEREST IN SUCH PARCEL TO 25 STATE ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE OWNER FINDS ACCEPTABLE, THE 26 PROVIDED THE STATE MAY, SOLELY IN ITS DISCRETION, DECIDE WHETHER TO 27 ACCEPT ANY SUCH OFFER.

28 S 9-1913. ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY JURISDICTION.

29 NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS ALTERING OR AFFECTING 30 THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY OVER ANY LAND 31 LOCATED WITHIN TOWNSHIP FORTY.

32 S 9-1915. NOTARIZED STATEMENT.

33 THE FORMAT FOR THE NOTARIZED STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF 34 SECTION 9-1907 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

35 NOTARIZED STATEMENT RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF COMPETING CLAIMS OF 36 TITLE

37 TOWNSHIP FORTY, TOTTEN AND CROSSFIELD PURCHASE

38 TOWN OF LONG LAKE, COUNTY OF HAMILTON

39 NAME(S):

40 MAILING ADDRESS(ES):

41 TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):

42 TAX PARCEL NUMBER:

43 CIRCLE EITHER 1 OR 2; IF YOU CIRCLE 1, YOU MUST ALSO CIRCLE A OR B:

1. I (WE) ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS TO RESOLVE TITLE ISSUES
 REGARDING THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PARCEL AS AUTHORIZED BY TITLE NINETEEN OF
 ARTICLE NINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW.

A. I (WE) INTEND TO REDUCE MY (OUR) PAYMENT BY GIFTING TO THE STATE A SPECIFIED PORTION OF A DISPUTED PARCEL IN FEE SIMPLE WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE FOREST PRESERVE OR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE TOWN RESTRICTING DEVELOPMENT OVER ALL OR A SPECIFIED PORTION OF A DISPUTED PARCEL, WITH A SECONDARY RIGHT OF ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE. THE INTENDED GIFT IS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

53 B. I (WE) DO NOT INTEND TO REDUCE MY (OUR) PAYMENT TO THE STATE BY 54 GIFTING ANY PORTION OF THE PARCEL TO THE STATE OR BY GIFTING A CONSERVA-55 TION EASEMENT OVER ANY PORTION OF THE PARCEL TO THE TOWN; OR

2. I (WE) ELECT TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL PROCESS TO RESOLVE 1 TITLE ISSUES REGARDING THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PARCEL AS AUTHORIZED BY 2 3 TITLE NINETEEN OF ARTICLE NINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW. I 4 (WE) UNDERSTAND THAT: WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS OF MY (OUR) FILING OF 5 THIS NOTICE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL COMMENCE AN ACTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO DETERMINE TITLE TO SUCH PARCEL; NOTHING IN 6 7 TITLE NINETEEN OF ARTICLE NINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW 8 SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO SUCH LITIGATION; AND FAILURE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COMMENCE SUCH ACTION WITHIN SUCH TWENTY-FOUR MONTH TIME FRAME 9 10 SHALL NOT SUBSEQUENTLY PREVENT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM COMMENCING SUCH AN ACTION OR CREATE A PRESUMPTION AGAINST THE STATE'S CLAIM OF TITLE. 11 12 SIGNATURE

13 (NOTARIZATION)

14 S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same 15 manner as a "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY proposing 16 an amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution, in relation 17 to disputed title in township 40, Totten and Crossfield Purchase, in the 18 town of Long Lake, Hamilton county," takes effect in accordance with 19 section 1 of article 19 of the constitution.