

Motion: Town Board Member Penino

Second: Town Board Member Edwards

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT PROPOSAL #3 THAT CREATES A LAND ACCOUNT TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR USE BY TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND COUNTIES HAVING NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN USING FOREST PRESERVE LAND.**

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Forest Preserve lands, in many instances, border local and state highways where local government needs to use a portion of land to straighten a dangerous road, replace a culvert to prevent floods, create a safer bike path, drill a water supply well, or install broadband and other critical infrastructure, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Amendment will create a land account with up to 250-acres of State Forest Preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using State Forest Preserve land to address specific public health or safety concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, as in exchange for the land removed from the State Forest Preserve, another 250-acres of land, will be added to the State Forest Preserve, subject to NY State legislative approval, and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by the voters of New York State, Ballot Proposal #3 would eliminate the time-consuming and costly bureaucratic process for completing important road maintenance, utility installation and bicycle path creation projects in the Adirondacks and Catskills, a process not faced by communities in any other region of New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the Amendment has wide bi-partisan support from local governments, environmental protection organizations, business groups, recreational enthusiasts, and others, and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017 warrants the support of all the voters of New York State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Edinburg Board does hereby support Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to AOT, Saratoga County and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Raymond	Aye
Town Board Member Edwards	Aye
Town Board Member Greco	Aye
Town Board Member Johansson	Absent
Town Board Member Penino	Aye

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto subscribed my name on September 21, 2017.

Denise Ferguson  
Denise Ferguson, Town Clerk