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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senator Joe Benning, Senate Institutions Committee Chair  
Representative Alice Emmons, House Corrections and Institutions Committee Chair

**FROM:** Michael Snyder, FPR Commissioner

**DATE:** March 5, 2020

**SUBJ:** **Proposed Joint Resolution Pertaining to State Lands – Branbury State Park**

The Department submits the following additional proposal seeking General Assembly approval and authorization for a land transaction involving the State of Vermont.

### **Branbury State Park: Salisbury, VT**

In September 2018, Michael and Pamela Kingman filed a civil action against the State of Vermont (Docket No. 168-9-18 Ancv) seeking a declaratory judgment as to the boundary between the Kingmans' land and the State's land (Branbury State Park) alongside Lake Dunmore in Salisbury, Vermont. The Kingman's land is located at the north line of the Park where the Park meets Lake Dunmore. To resolve the litigation, the Kingmans and the State have reached settlement terms that involve the exchange of quitclaim deeds to relinquish any and all right, title, and interest that the parties held or claimed north and south, respectively, of an agreed new boundary line. The Department requests approval of the General Assembly to exchange quitclaim deeds with the Kingmans, as set forth in the attached proposed Joint Resolution. Also attached is a copy of the final draft survey depicting the parties' agreed new boundary line.

As always, we look forward to meeting with your respective Committees to discuss this proposal at your convenience.

Encl.

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