

By Committee on Institutions,

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation to exchange quit claim deeds with the Vermont Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy in order to confirm the boundary between the Long Trail State Forest and the land co-owned by the Vermont Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy in the Towns of Eden and Belvidere.

Whereas, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (the Department) owns and manages certain lands in the Towns of Eden and Belvidere, known as the Long Trail State Forest, that abut lands co-owned by the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) and the Nature Conservancy (TNC), and

Whereas, approximately 3.5 miles of the common boundary between the Long Trail State Forest and the lands that VLT and TNC co-own is uncertain as to its location on the ground and in existing deeds, and

Whereas, the Department and VLT and TNC have reached an agreement to confirm and locate the shared common boundaries through the exchange of quitclaim deeds and a survey of the boundary to be recorded in the land records of the Towns of Eden and Belvidere, and

Whereas, 10 V.S.A. § 2606(b) authorizes the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation “to sell, convey, exchange or lease land, or interests in land, or to amend deeds, leases and easement interests, under his or her jurisdiction,” with the approval of the General Assembly, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly authorizes the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation to exchange quit claim deeds with the Vermont Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy in order to confirm the boundary between the Long Trail State Forest and the lands co-owned by the Vermont Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy in the Towns of Eden and Belvidere, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Vermont Land Trust, and the Nature Conservancy.