

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Morris County, New Jersey

No. R-130-13

Date of Adoption: September 16, 2013

Title or Subject: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COOPERATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the National Wild and Scenic River System is intended to permanently protect America's outstanding rivers and streams for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Regional Office of the National Park Service coordinated with the affected counties and municipalities, the State of New Jersey, non-governmental organizations, interested residents, and local property owners on the study, and in the development of the Musconetcong River Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Musconetcong River Management Plan is a reasonable approach to cooperative management of the Musconetcong River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System that recognizes the importance of the various roles of landowners, government, business and industry, and other citizens in the protection of the river corridor's important values; and

WHEREAS, the Musconetcong River Management Plan calls for the formation of a Musconetcong River Management Council to stimulate cooperation of the diverse watershed interests, provide a forum for discussing and resolving issues, and promote and facilitate the implementation of the management plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Warren County, Hunterdon County, Morris County, Sussex County, and the municipalities that supported designation of the Musconetcong River as part of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System expressed support for the Musconetcong River Management Plan and National Wild and Scenic designation; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2006 Public Law 109-452 was passed by the United States Congress and signed by the President of the United States designating the Musconetcong River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 109-452, Section 5 b), requires the Secretary of the Interior to administer the designated river segments in cooperation with the Musconetcong River Management Council as provided for in the Musconetcong River Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (P.L. 90-542, as amended) authorizes the Department of Interior to assist, advise, and cooperate with other public and private organizations to plan, protect, and manage river resources and to provide limited financial assistance for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 (e) of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (P.L. 90-542, as amended) authorizes the National Park Service to enter into written cooperative agreements with a state, or appropriate political subdivisions of a state, to protect and enhance the values which have caused a river to be included in the National Wild and Scenic River System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey, the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the cooperative implementation of the Musconetcong River Management Plan, and to protect and enhance the values that have caused the Musconetcong River to be designated by the United States Congress as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

Kenneth W. Short, Mayor

I, Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee, held on September 16, 2013.

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

Date