September 12, 2017

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# **RESOLUTION**

#### of the

## **TOWN COUNCIL**

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Town of Windham, Maine

### "PRESUMPSCOT HISTORIC AND NATURAL RIVER CORRIDOR"

**WHEREAS** the Presumpscot River is a joint and valued regional resource of the people of the State of Maine and the citizenry of the abutting towns and cities of Falmouth, Gorham, Portland, Westbrook and Windham in the County of Cumberland, and

**WHEREAS** the five-mile section between Mallison Falls and Saccarappa Falls is unique and remarkable in the Greater Portland metropolitan area, due to being nearly entirely undeveloped. With few structures visible and little road noise it bears a tranquility of wildness all the while being in the most populated section of the state, and

**WHEREAS** there is pronounced historic value in this five-mile stretch, including the unique attributes of remnants of the Cumberland and Oxford canal running along the Gorham Side and the Mountain Division rail and trail on the Windham side, as well as historic stone arched culverts, and

**WHEREAS** historical records demonstrate that the Presumpscot River had an abundant native fishery of American shad, Atlantic salmon, alewives, blue back herring, striped bass, brook trout as well as both landlocked and sea run Atlantic salmon, and

**WHEREAS** the Towns of Gorham and Windham and the City of Westbrook will benefit from the enhanced recreational use and the accompanying potential for economic growth to the villages of South Windham and Little Falls and downtown Westbrook, and September 12, 2017

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**WHEREAS** The agreement between Sappi, the Maine Department of Marine Resources, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Presumpscot River and Conservation Law Foundation is an historic and crucial step toward the on-going restoration of Presumpscot River and its native fishery,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the continued restoration of the Presumpscot River and its native fishery warrant this section of the river be officially designated a

#### Presumpscot Historic and Natural River Corridor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Windham, Maine to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2017.

Town Council of the Town of Windham, Maine:

Dennis Welch, Chairman

David Nadeau, Vice Chairman

Robert Muir, Parliamentarian

Donna Chapman

Timothy Nangle

Jarrod Maxfield

Brett Jones

**SEAL** 

Attest: Linda Morrell, CMC Town Clerk