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RESOLUTION 2009-2

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A 2009 MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT TO ACQUIRE THE 260-ACRE SEARLES CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners adopted the *2008-2012 Clinton County Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan* on March 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the *Plan's* Action Program on page 52 identifies its #1 goal as "Identify, acquire, and when possible develop and maintain a system of water oriented natural resource based parks on surface waters appropriate for public recreational use"; and

WHEREAS, the property acquisition proposal would add 260 acres to the existing 42-acre Motz County Park and would include two additional lakes of 93 and 12 acres in surface area; and

WHEREAS, in a county with few lakes available for public use, this proposed acquisition represents a rare, perhaps never to be repeated, opportunity to significantly improve the county's public outdoor recreational estate for untold generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Green Space Commission recommends to the County Board of Commissioners the acquisition of the 260-acre Searles property for public outdoor recreation purposes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution and the signature of its Chairperson on the application form, does hereby authorize the submittal of the "Motz County Park Addition" grant application for funding consideration under the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if approved for MNRTF grant funding, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners agree to fulfill the financial requirements of the *2009 Grant Application* and the MNRTF program by providing from its own resources 25% of the purchase cost of the property based on the property's approved fair market appraised value.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held March 31, 2009 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk