



**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN INDIAN SACRED SITE ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 13007**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15**

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**WHEREAS** the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS** Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 has established executive policy for accommodation and protection of Indian Sacred Sites on Federal lands in furtherance of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act; and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Executive Order 13007, an Indian Sacred Site is a site that is identified by an Indian tribe as sacred by virtue of its established religious significance to, or ceremonial use by, an Indian religion; and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Executive Order 13007, the identification and designation of an Indian Sacred Site on Federal land is the sole province and determination of the effected Indian Tribe or Indian religious practitioners; and

**WHEREAS** during the summer of 2016, with the assistance and concurrence of the National Park Service, Lenape descendants and youth of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Delaware Nation, and the Stockbridge Munsee Community identified and selected a place within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area having great spiritual significance to them; and

**WHEREAS** this place of spiritual significance to our Lenape young people is a place of natural beauty where they can commune with nature, contemplate the spiritual significance of their ancestral homelands, and connect with the heart of the Lenape world where their ancestors walked from time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS** this place of spiritual significance to our Lenape young people is located in Lēnapehòkink, our original homelands, on an escarpment overlooking the Delaware River Valley, at or near Latitude 41° 17' 59" North, Longitude -74° 49' 37" West, near Milford, Pennsylvania;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby name this place Kēmimensēnanàk Epihtit, *The Place of Our Children*; and does hereby identify and designate this place an Indian Sacred Site, subject to the full protection and accommodation provided for in Executive Order 13007 and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

**CERTIFICATION**