**RESOLUTION NO. 09-02-2022**

**IN SUPPORT OF RE-OPENING N.Y.S. SNOWMOBILE TRAIL 8 AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AT RAINBOW DAM.**

**WHEREAS,** the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association (SLCSA) Trail System benefits tourism, local residents and businesses and is important to the Colton, Parishville Area and St Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS,** the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association has developed and maintained 750 miles of trail in St. Lawrence county since 1975, and

**WHEREAS,** the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association Trail System is beneficial to all towns and villages in St. Lawrence County and in adjacent Lewis and Franklin County providing vital winter economic support, and

**WHEREAS,** New York State “Corridor 8”snowmobile trail is a 150 mile community connector corridor trail from Lewis County thru St Lawrence County to Franklin County and this connectivity through the County is vital to the Counties winter economy.

**WHEREAS,** a critical section of Trail 8 that crosses the Racquette River at Rainbow Dam in the Town of Parishville was closed in 2005 by Brookfield, and

**WHEREAS**, the death of two local residents attempting to cross the ice on snowmobiles during the winter of 2013 intensifies the need to provide a safe crossing on this stretch of the river, and

**WHEREAS**, for economic, recreational and public safety the crossing at Rainbow falls dam needs to be re-opened and

**WHEREAS**, numerous meetings, planning sessions and research has occurred toward achieving this goal and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Piercefield Town Board supports re-opening Trail 8 at Rainbow Dam and the construction of a bridge over this section of the River.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to; Senator Patty Ritchie; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

On a motion by Councilmember Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen following resolution be adopted: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Sarazen, LaLonde. NAYS: 0 Adopted.