



**Resolution requesting State peace officer status for
U.S. Department of Interior park rangers
with law enforcement authority**

Central Pine Barrens Commission Meeting of April 18, 2007
Brookhaven Town Hall, Farmingville, NY

Commission members present:

Mr. Scully (for New York State),

Ms. Meek-Gallagher (for Suffolk County),

Ms. Prusinowski and Mr. Turner (for Brookhaven Town),

Mr. Cardinale (for Riverhead Town),

Mr. Shea (for Southampton Town).

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Philip J. Cardinale
Member

Brian X. Foley
Member

Patrick A. Heaney
Member

Steve A. Levy
Member

Whereas, the Pine Barrens Law Enforcement Council (LEC), created by the Commission in the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan, made a recommendation at its March 22, 2007 meeting for new legislation that the Council deems vital to protecting the Central Pine Barrens, and

Whereas, the LEC is comprised of 25 law enforcement and enforcement support public agencies, one of which is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which brings to the Council special expertise and abilities, and

Whereas, the Council agencies, under their joint and independent jurisdictions, work closely, jointly and frequently in the field enforcing laws and regulations, and in ensuring compliance with the same, and

Whereas, U.S. Department of the Interior park rangers with law enforcement authority, which includes USFWS officers, do not currently enjoy NYS peace officer status under the Criminal Procedure Law (CPL), and such deficiency severely hinders the interagency work of these officers, and

Whereas, this Commission and its Council have carefully considered this deficiency and a legislative remedy,

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Commission accepts and endorses the recommendation of the Council, and hereby requests the Legislature to add a new line to the existing enumeration of agencies having peace officer status within the NY CPL Article 2, Section 2.15, to read as follows:

"27. United States Department of Interior, park rangers with law enforcement authority".

Motion by: Mr. Shea

Second by: Ms. Meek-Gallagher

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

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