RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM

Whereas, since 1750 Topsham has benefited from the wild power of the Androscoggin; and

Whereas, due to his love for the Androscoggin, Senator Muskie saw the need for, and is generally recognized as the Congressman most responsible for the drafting and passage of the Federal Clean Water Act; and

Whereas, sadly, the Androscoggin has not been accorded the protections of the Clean Water Act and fails to meet minimal environmental standards; and

Whereas, it is in the clear social, recreational, environmental and economic interest of the State of Maine and of the communities which are situated near to it that the Androscoggin be accorded all of the benefits and entitlements of the Clean Water Act and that the provisions of the Act be strictly enforced on behalf of the River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM AS FOLLOWS:

The State of Maine should take all necessary actions to ensure that the Androscoggin River receives the same protection as that accorded to the other rivers in the State of Maine.

The Board of Selectmen shall support the Androscoggin River Alliance in its efforts to restore the Androscoggin to a condition which will enable the citizens of Topsham to enjoy all of the benefits which the River can provide to them. The Board shall offer this Resolution to demonstrate such support.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Topsham by the vote of its members on this 4th day of February, 2010.

Ronald Riendeau, Chairman

James Trusiani, Vice Chair

Steve Edmondson

Sandra Consolini

Donald Russel