

RESOLUTION 2024-45, MEETING #540, DECEMBER 17, 2024

FUNDING APPROVAL FOR RESTORATION

WHEREAS the NYS Legislature through Article 43 of the NYS Conservation Law empowers the Lake George Park Commission to “promote the study of history, natural science and lore”; and

WHEREAS the Commission worked for two years with the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance in the creation of the new Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor’s Center, and seeks to continue its partnership with this nonprofit group to advance the public’s knowledge and awareness of Lake George regional history; and

WHEREAS the Alliance has identified a need to restore and repair the St. Issac Jogues sculpture in Battlefield Park, and is seeking financial assistance to undertake this work; and

WHEREAS Father Issac Jogues is considered to be the 1st European to view Lake George in year 1646, which he named “Lac Du Saint Sacrament” (Lake of the Blessed Sacrament), and NYS created a large bronze sculpture of Father Jogues in July of 1939; and

WHEREAS Lake George Battlefield Park’s request of \$9,540 would underwrite costs of pressure-washing granite plinth in which the sculpture is housed, refining the patina hue so the bronze sculpture has a consistent appearance on all sections of the work, and washing and waxing the entire sculpture; and

WHEREAS work will be completed in late winter-early spring 2025 by Workshop Art Fabrication of Kingston, NY following a formal selection of a skilled restorer; and

WHEREAS the Lake George Battlefield Park’s two other statues (“Battle of Lake George” and “Mohawk Warrior”) are also planned to be refurbished in 2025 through private and foundation contributions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Commission hereby agrees to partner on this important project and authorizes the Commission Executive Director to contract for the work to be completed as described, not to exceed \$10,000.

- as proposed with the following modification(s):

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____
DATE ADOPTED _____