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A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING PRESERVATON OF THE SAINT EDWARD SEMINARY

WHEREAS, the Saint Edward Seminary, situated within Saint Edward State Park is a highly significant historic property listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Seminary and its associated landscape retain a high degree of historical integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Seminary is in poor condition and continues to deteriorate despite considerable investment and effort to stabilize the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation has identified historic properties in the state park system, including the Seminary, as among Washington's most threatened; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been unsuccessful securing adequate state capital funding to open the Seminary structure for public use and ensure its ongoing stabilization; and

WHEREAS, the Commission cannot by itself ensure long-term preservation of the Seminary structure, nor achieve its public education and interpretation potential.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission authorizes and directs the Director to explore partnerships with other public and private sector entities for the purpose of rehabilitating the Saint Edward Seminary building and preserving this important feature of the nation's history for the enjoyment and enrichment of present and future generations.

ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013

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Rodger Schmitt, Chairman
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission