

A RESOLUTION urging a temporary halt to logging operations conducted pursuant to the United States Forest Service's landscape forest management of Land Between the Lakes.

WHEREAS, there is growing concern over the expansion of logging and timber management undertaken to reestablish pre-European landscapes of oak grasslands, barrens, savannas, and woodlands within Land Between the Lakes; and

WHEREAS, many local residents have specific concerns regarding a major landscape change at Land Between the Lakes; and

WHEREAS, local residents and governments desire more open communication with the United States Forest Service to express their concerns; and

WHEREAS, all interested parties will benefit from an improved maintenance plan for all recreational facilities, trails, and road improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives urges the United States Forest Service to bring a temporary halt to all logging operations at Land Between the Lakes, including timber already sold, until a thorough and complete review, discussion, and public debate can take place regarding the pre-European landscape restoration plan. This temporary halt also includes any activities designed to bring about pre-European landscapes, including canopy thinning, prescribed burns, or the cultivation of oak grasslands, woodlands, barrens, or savannas. The House of Representatives further requests that the maintenance and upkeep of recreational, bike, and horse trails, as well as campgrounds, recreational facilities, and roads be included as part of the discussion and public debate called for by this section.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall forward a copy of this Resolution with notification of its adoption to Tina Tilley, Area Supervisor, Land

Between the Lakes, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42211.